

# President's Page

We just had our 22nd birthday celebration in August. I wish to thank all of the officers and especially the volunteers. You are the ones that make this society tick. Your society would not be what it is without your help.

Over the years many members have come and gone. Now we need new volunteers to help us continue to grow as the original eighteen members who started the Society back in 1978.

We once were like you. Never having volunteered we felt fearful and apprehensive of making mistakes. Yes, we have had those fears. However, when we have helped someone to solve their genealogy problems, we knew the feeling of success and a great sense of pride.

You can help by serving on a committee, being an officer, copying records, typing, proof reading and updating our library material, entering data on the computer (we have money to buy one), but need an operator.

**VOLUNTEER NOW!!!!!!!**

Again, thanks to our many members for their donation of family history, books and other genealogy material.

We had two 1825 large Chester County maps returned. If you ordered one and did not receive it, please let us know so we can re-mail same.

George

**FROM THE EDITOR:**

We want to thank each of you for attending our "Birthday Party". Always so nice seeing everyone again.

This year we missed two of our dear friends who had passed away - Harry Atkinson and Dot Phifer.

Harry and Mamie Gettys Atkinson were always with us and shared so much of their research with others. We all looked forward to each visit from them.

**HARRY W. ATKINSON: Jan. 31, 1915 - April 26, 1998**

Harry Walker Atkinson, 83, Flowery Branch, died Sunday, April 26, 1998, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Mamie Gettys Atkinson of Flowery Branch; daughter, Mae Atkinson Roell of Altadena, CA; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Atkinson, an avid Genealogist was a Colonel in the Air Force serving in WWII in the Pacific Theater. After the war he spent time in China. Mr. Atkinson received his engineering degree from the University of Illinois and served as a civil engineer and surveyor in Louisiana and taught civil engineering at Louisiana Tech.

**DOROTHY H. PHIFER, 72, of 111 Monroe Road, died June 24, 1998, in Mary Black Memorial Hospital, Spartanburg, SC.**

Dot Phifer was one of the most knowledgeable people on genealogy - the proof we have in our library - copies of the books she published on genealogy. Dot and Jack always enjoyed coming to our meetings and always brought some new info for us.

A native of Memphis, Tenn., she was the daughter of the late Reuben A. and Louise Farmer Harris. She was a charter member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. She graduated from Blue Mountain College and the University of Tennessee. She was editor of the Pinckney District Chapter Genealogical Quarterly, as well as editor of six books of local genealogical interest.

Survivors include her husband, John E. Phifer, Sr.; one son, John E. Phifer, Jr.; three daughters, Margaret "Peggy" Vann of Charleston, Catherine Perkins of Columbia and Elizabeth Collins of Waynesboro, Ga.; one brother, Reuben E. Harris of Brentwood, Tenn.; three sisters, Virginia Groce and Evelyn Rawls of Memphis, Tenn., and Edith Reedy of Little Rock, Ark.; and six grandchildren.

Our sympathy goes out to these two families who have meant so much to us and will be missed.

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Thanks to Herman W. Ferguson, 600 Chad Drive, Rocky Mount, NC 27803-1512  
Tele. 252-443-2258; e-mail FERGGEOPEN@AOL.com:

1. Mecklenburg & Cabarrus Counties, NC, Decedents for Whom Loose Estates Papers are Extant - \$14.00. This 68 page booklet contains a list of approximately 9,750 files of persons who died in the two counties and for whom loose estates papers exist. These can contain a variety of records such as a list of the personal property owned by the decedent, a list of property sold at auction at an estate sale, administrator and guardian bonds, division of real estate, etc.

2. Mecklenburg County, NC, Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Vol. III: 1821-1830 - \$25.00. 252 pages foreword by Jo White Linn of Salisbury, NC. Mecklenburg County was formed in 1762 from Anson, being the first county to be cut off from Anson to the west. Regrettably, the minutes of the Mecklenburg Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the first 12 years have been lost. The extant minutes begin with the July 1774 Session of Court and from that point onward, certainly from 1780 through 1830, the minutes are virtually complete with only a random page or two missing.

3. Also available: Mecklenburg County, NC, Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Vol. II: 1801 - 1820 - \$30.00 and Mecklenburg County, NC, Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions, (Vol. I) 1780-1800, \$27.50.

To order: Herman W. Ferguson, 600 Chad Drive, Rocky Mount, NC 27803-1512.

**NUNNERY NAME ONE OF SERVICE IN COUNTY**  
(Chester Reporter - Jan. 14, 1970)

The name Nunnery has a long history of service to the Chester area.

Two men by that name served Chester County in the State Legislature and as many served (and one continues to do so) as Superintendent of Education for Chester County.

In recent years, Jimmie E. Nunnery served as a State Representative from Chester County before declining to seek re-election last year. Still serving as County Superintendent of Education is E. W. Nunnery, originally from Great Falls.

But, in earlier years, a man by the name of Nunnery served his fellow citizens as State Legislator and County Superintendent of Education. He was John E. Nunnery, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nunnery of the Wylies Mill community.

Now deceased, Mr. Nunnery, one of the county's most beloved and respected citizens, was graduated from Chester High School and Furman University. Upon returning to his native county, he taught school at Wylies Mill for some two years before engaging in farming in the same locality. In 1908, he made his first venture into politics and was elected by a vast majority to the State Legislature, a seat he held for four years or until 1912. The next four years were spent as an employee of the Southern Freight Office in Chester.

On March 1, 1924, Mr. Nunnery became County Superintendent of Education and later became one of the state's foremost educators. When he first became County Superintendent or "Dean of Schools", Mr. Nunnery noted 22 one-teacher schools and 15 two-teacher schools in Chester County. Several years under his leadership saw one-teacher schools dwindle to three and as many two-teacher schools. Not only did Mr. Nunnery do much for consolidating smaller schools in Chester County, but he also worked diligently for securing more State aid for local schools, seeing that figure jump from a mere \$8,000. in 1924 to \$332,013.49. In the later years of his administrator, the school system had grown to include 19 white elementary and four white high schools compared with 50 elementary and two Negro high schools.

That, needless to say, was the era of "Neighborhood Schools."

The husband of the late Mrs. Clara McCullough Nunnery, he was the father of four children, president of Furman Alumni in South Carolina, President of the State Evangelistic Club and Moderator of the Chester Baptist Association for nine years. He shaped Chester County into what it is today.

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EDGEMOOR SCHOOLS OPEN  
September 18, 1924

Opened Monday With Good Attendance - Levy Increased and Bonds Carried.  
Edgemoor, September 17. - the opening Monday morning of the Edgemoor High School

was largely attended. After a few remarks by the chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. L.S. Lyle, Dr. R.A. Lummus conducted the devotional exercises and the welcome to the teachers by R.D. Robinson and Mrs. R.A. Lummus were both most cordial and sincere. Short, but splendid, remarks were made by Dr. J.N. Gaston, R.A. Willis, E.C. Collins, and Hon. A.G. Westbrook, all pertaining to the best interest of the school.

The response was made by Miss Grace Atkinson, one of the teachers in the high school department. Two or more fine selections were sung during the exercises. There were 70-odd pupils present.

The teachers for this year are: Misses Grace Atkinson, of Lowrys, Essie Guy, Chester, High School department; Miss Marie Roberts of Doraville, Ga. Intermediate; and Miss Vera Ferguson, Abbeville, Primary.

The school, with this splendid faculty, will, we hope and believe, make good progress.

Tuesday, the 16th, was also another splendid day for the Edgemoor High School district, as that was the day for the election for an increase of three mills; also a Ten Thousand Dollar Bond issue, both of which were carried. The 3-mills increase was carried, 39 voting for and 2 against. For bonds, 37 votes; against bond, 2 votes, 41 votes being cast in all. After a bountiful picnic dinner was partaken by all present. The large crowd went to the school building where two excellent addresses were made. After a few well chosen remarks by the chairman, our Principal, R. D. Robinson introduced the speakers. The first was A. H. McCauley, Esq., of Chester. Mr. McCauley made a fine address, which impressed the entire audience.

Mr. J. E. Nunnery, Assistant Superintendent of Education, was the next speaker. Mr. Nunnery also made a splendid address, urging the people along the lines of better educational advantages.

Dr. R. A. Lummus and Mr. R. A. Willis were both called upon, and each responded in well-chosen words suitable to the occasion. This was both a pleasant and profitable day for all that were present.

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THE FOUNDING OF A SOUTH CAROLINA BACKCOUNTRY SOCIETY  
UNION COUNTY, HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL ©  
[A Continuing Series]

by  
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THE RECORDS OF DR. WILLIAM DATTON, 1765-1872

The original of these records, now owned by descendants in Alabama and Tennessee, are contained in a three-volume set of *John Bunyan's Works* in which Dr. William Datton wrote on blank pages, fly leaves, and margins. They were transcribed and annotated in 1952 by his great-granddaughters, Mabel (Datton) Morrison and Anna Dora (Datton) Harper, with additional notes added in 1979 by Florence (Swinyard) Underwood McCoy, the widow of Colonel Herbert Datton Underwood. The transcriptions were placed into chronological order by Robert J. Stevens in 1997 after receiving the material from Mrs. Underwood McCoy, thus creating numerous duplicate dated entries. Additional information in brackets and endnotes was added at the same time by Stevens, after which a copy was sent to William B. White, Jr., an authority on the Datton family, who added some few notes. The result was then sent to Linda S. Crissinger for further notes and editing. For anyone wishing to verify the transcriptions, photocopies are in the Kutaw and Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Libraries. Nearly every person included in the records can be traced to Union, Spartanburg, York, Laurens, Chester, and Newberry Counties, South Carolina. It is not often that we find such detailed information of South Carolinians who "went west." The sudden emigration to North Mississippi was caused by the opening of Indian lands obtained in the 1833 Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek.

THE RECORDS

Thomas Patton was born June 3, 1765, in South Carolina and departed this life October 1, 1819, aged fifty four years and four months, wanting two days.<sup>1</sup>

Margaret Ross was born June 12, 1775, in South Carolina and departed this life October 26, 1818 in Indiana aged forty three years, four months, and fourteen days.<sup>2</sup>

Thomas Patton and Margaret Ross were married December 6, 1792.

William Patton their son was born October 2, 1794.

George Ross Patton their son was born January 9, 1797.

Eloisa Jane Patton their daughter was born February 18, 1800.

Edwin Leroy Patton their son born December 11, 1803.

Thomas Adison Patton born September 11, 1808. Died August 4, 1809.

Margaret Patton. Deceased October 26, 1818.

Doctor Thomas Patton. Deceased October 1, 1819.

In the state of Indiana, Davies County, about three hundred yards from White River where Slate Creek empties into it, there on a lonely eminence those venerable and affectionate parents repose in solitude, far away from the land of their nativity, far away from their children. Yet their free and holy spirits have often been guardian angels to their wandering children.

My parents have told me that I had a sister born October 1793, but died soon after birth and my mother was near unto death. I had a brother, Thomas Adison Patton, born September 11, 1808, and died August 4, 1809, with dysentery or cholera infantum one month sick he was taken with convulsion fits. I well remember he was a pretty child.

George Ross Patton was born in South Carolina, Newberry District, January 9, 1797. Removed to Union District in the winter of 1798. Removed to Indiana State October 1817.

Returned to South Carolina and married Mary S. Davidson in July 6, 1819. Removed to East Tennessee, Rhea County, March 1821. Removed to Greene County, Alabama, October 1821.

Peggy Ross Patton their daughter born October 3, 1820.

Thomas Monroe Patton their son born August 14, 1822.

Juliann Patton their daughter born September 2, 1824.

Edwin Leroy Patton (II) their son born September 21, 1826.

William Montgomery Patton their son born August 12, 1828.

Mary Isabella Patton their daughter born December 8, 1830.

Charlotte Elizabeth Patton their daughter born November 11, 1833.

George Ross Patton (Jr.) their son born August May 3, 1836.

Warren Stanhope Patton their son born August 24, 1838, and departed this life June 27, 1841.

This family started to remove to Texas September 30, 1846. Except Peggy Ross who was married to James Steele January 19, 1842. Mary, the wife of George Ross Patton (Sr.), was born December 4, 1797.

Doctor Thomas Patton removed from Union District, South Carolina, to Davies County, Indiana, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 1817 started - and departed this life October 1, 1819. Margaret Patton, his wife, deceased October 26, 1818. William Patton returned to South Carolina on business April 1818, about seven or eight weeks.

The summer of 1819 Thomas Patton and George R. Patton went into South Carolina and George R. Patton married Polly Davidson. In the winter of 1819 and 1820, William Patton went into Tennessee, Maury County, and three or four weeks ride failed to find a place. May 1820, William Patton, Eloisa Jane Patton, and Edwin L. Patton started to South Carolina. Returned the 20<sup>th</sup> of July after and left Edwin there going to school to William Clowney.<sup>3</sup> March 2, 1821, William Patton, G.R. Patton, and Eloisa J. Patton, with Doctor John Storey in company, started to remove from Indiana.<sup>4</sup> Went to Rhea County, Richland Valley, Tennessee, and rented a place from Widow Brinson at the foot of Walden's Ridge and made a crop. Sold the crop in the fall and started to Alabama; crossed the Black Warrior River and stayed the night the first on Sims' Creek at John P. Archibald's. Crossed the Warrior at Storey's Ferry, came by Havannah.

Dr. John Storey removed from Indiana to Tennessee with us and continued with us several weeks after we settled on Mrs. Brinson's land. He then went to Alabama.

November 13, 1821, William and George and Eloisa J. Patton first reposed on Sims' Creek.

In the spring of 1822, William Patton returned to Indiana on business and Samuel Archibald, Esq., his uncle.<sup>5</sup> The winter of 1825 or early spring of that year William Patton and Edwin L. Patton returned to Indiana on business.

In the summer of 1825, John Higgins made a crop with George R. Patton and in the early spring of 1825 Higgins left and Edwin [E.L. Patton] went to Ia. made a crop there and took it to Orleans; he went with Legrand to Sante Fe and to the Rocky Mountains the fall of 1826 or rather the winter of 1827, and returned to Alabama State.

December 1833, [E.L. Patton] 31 years old. Went back to the mountains the spring of 1834 and returned to Ia. the fall of 1835. Got married in 1836. In 1836 went to Orleans and came by here A.B. [Alabama] on to Ia. In the spring of 1837 came to Ab. on a visit and in September of 1837 removed here and in November went to Texas and while gone son William Warren was born 19<sup>th</sup> day of December. He kept school the summer of 1838 here and started to remove to Texas the 11 day of November 1838, he then being 35 years old wanting one month. He located in Franklin Town, Robbison County, Texas, and yet is so far as known to us this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 1845. Our last letter dated March 22<sup>nd</sup> instant. Samuel O. Spencer, Harvey McCracken, and Frank Adams at Edwin's in Texas the fall of 1841. Spencer returned and died the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 1841 of bilious pleurisy.

- 1821
- Nov 13 William Patton, G.R. Patton and family came to Sims' Creek.
- 1826
- July 20 William Patton and Elizabeth Steele married by Rev. Thomas Archibald.
- 1829
- Dec William Patton and family removed west ¼ mile.
- 1834
- [no date] Esq. John McCracken deceased.  
Mary Brown kept school for us.
- 1835
- Jany 1 William Patton began to keep a diary. Planted grape vines obtained [from] Stephen Elnis. \$3.00.
- Jany 31 Lucy Lavender died T.R. Mayo Tuscaloosa.
- Febby Much snow lay on the ground for days.
- Febby 3 Coldest of Alabama days we think.
- Feb 7-12 Great freeze.
- Febby 12 Trussel and family murdered by Negro.  
Sold the William Archibald place to Ishael McCracken.
- Febby 14 Esther Steele and George Kimbrough married.
- Febby 16 Thursday night. Snow covered the ground about 1 inch.  
Saturday. Esq. Dabney McGhee, Major James White, and William Patton appointed commissioners to sell land of Esq. McCracken on 3rd of April. Today met and altered it on April 16th.
- Feb 27 Mrs. Peggy Means, Senr., deceased. (FSU. Her maiden name was Margaret Mays. Son James Means married Dr. William Patton's sister.)<sup>6</sup>
- March 27 Aaron Steele's house burnt down.
- April 13 Mary Thornton got corn grain in windpipe. (MPH. David McGiffert married a Mary Thornton who was born in 1828.)

(MPH. Notes of Joseph H. McGiffert, Eutaw, Alabama. James McGiffert landed in New York from Portaferry, Ireland, in 1819. When he came to Alabama is not known, but he married Mary Dunlap, Tuscaloosa County, who lived until 1862. James McGiffert was not buried at New Hope as was Mary, but in some cemetery near Sylvan or Foster's. He was the father of Jane McGiffert Patton and David McGiffert and probably others. The family lived near Steele's Bluff.)

- July 9 Lock and McCollister candidates here.
- July 11 At Clinton, Pleasant H. Mays; Shortridge. Judge Lauber Garvin and candidates made speech.
- July 19 R. Cunningham Senr. Rev. preached Psalm 119 v 165.<sup>7</sup>
- August Fatal sickness in Pickensville and Pickens.
- August 4 Election for White. D.S. White. Robert Archibald manager. My vote Clay Gov.; Shortridge Congress; Mays, Gewin, Rix legislature; Edge tax collector.
- Sept 25 James P. Means and Washington Harris here.<sup>8</sup>
- October 7 Severe killing frost.
- October 13 A comet 1<sup>st</sup> seen hereabouts.
- Nov 10 Mrs. Tandy and family to Texas.
- Nov 14 Got books *Horse Shoe Robinson*.<sup>8A</sup>
- Dec Ben Franklin Sen's thigh broke by kick of ox.
- Dec 29 Doctor Williams and Judson Reynolds here.



## 1836

[no date]	John Robbert kept school on Sims Creek.
Jany 8	Rev. Adams asking for money for Theological School.
Jany 18	James Archibald bought my oxen.
Feb 27	Muster at Mesopotamia for volunteers for Florida War.
April 18	William Patton bought clock.
April 19	Bought clock of Evans, paid \$36.00.
April 22	Elizabeth Archibald dead. Daughter of Esq. Robert.
May 15	Sun eclipsed. Edwin L.R. Patton came here and left us for Indiana instant and on the 31 a very great storm indeed.
May 16	Edwin L.R. Patton visited us from Indiana.
June 12	William Steele died. Soldiers to Florida from here.
June 12	William Steele died returning from Florida War.
July 25	Circus and caravan at M. Knox's. I paid \$3.50 for family.
August 1	Election or a League. Not a free election.
Aug 18	A.A. Steele (Jr.) married.
August 18	A.A. Steele (Jr.) married to Mary Bingham.
Sept 29	William Salmon and Jane Archibald married.
October	Deaths lately. J.S. White's child; Thomas Heel's daughter; James Archibald's daughter; Hinds and wife. Comm. Moses Lewis died. Apoplexy. Nights very cold and days very warm.
October 4	Killing frost. Cold indeed.
Oct 7	Colonel Moses Lewis deceased.
Nov 11	Mrs. Thornton, wife of Elisha, deceased.
Nov 12	Mrs. Elisha Thornton died on 11 <sup>th</sup> .
Nov 14	Presidential election. White 35. Van Buren 13.
Dec 2	Bought boy Edward of Dr. Winbush. 10 years old. } [Obvious transcription
Dec 2	Bought boy Edward \$825.00 from Dr. Wingate, 74 lb. } error in one entry.]

## 1837

February 6	James Steele Archibald died. Son of JHA. (James Hall Archibald.)
March 19	Henry Storey, Sr., deceased, 81 years. <sup>9</sup>
May 5	Dr. William Mays here first time. <sup>10</sup>
May 14	Frost very visible this morning.
May 17	Frost seen on Sims' Creek.
May 17	Frost plainly to be seen, nothing bit.
May 21	E.L.R. Patton visited us and returned to Indiana June 16 <sup>th</sup> .
June 14	Great storm, wind and rain.
June 15	Mrs. Mayo died 10 this morning. Consumption.
June 15	Mrs. Mayo deceased.
June 20	King William the 4 <sup>th</sup> of England died.
July 21	Col. Dent's Negroes hung at Tuscaloosa for shooting him.
July 29	Charlotte Reed here the only time.
July 29	Cousin Charlotte Rebecca Reed visited us. <sup>11</sup>
August 3	Samuel Archibald married and to Texas.
August 11	Anthony McCracken deceased. (MPH. It was at the sale of the estate of Anthony McCracken that William Patton bought the <i>Works of John Bunyan in Three Volumes</i> in which he wrote his diary on fly leaves and margins.)
August 20	Capt. Yates, Clerk G.C. and C. deceased.
August 20	Capt. Yates, Clerk of Circuit Court, died.
September 4	We began to make brick.
Sept 19	Aunt Sophia Ross, widow of Dr. George Ross (Jr.) here.
Sept 21	E.L.R. Patton removed here. Visited Texas November 6 <sup>th</sup> .
Oct 20	Circus show and caravan of animals at M. Knox.

November 15 Aunt Sophia Ross visited us. (FSU. This was the wife of Dr. George Ross, Jr., who was a brother of Dr. William Patton's mother. She was Sophia [Saxon] Elmore before her marriage, daughter of General [John Archer] Elmore [of Laurens Co., SC], and after the death of her husband left South Carolina and lived with her father at Montgomery, Alabama.)

December 19 William Warren Patton, son of E.L.R. Patton, born.

#### 1838

January 7 E.L.R. Patton returned from Texas.  
April 22 Found and hived a swarm of bees. Now our stock.  
August Votes prevailed 92 majority for removal C.H. G.C. (MPM. The county seat was at Troy near Springfield, which is between Knoxville and Eutaw. The removal to Eutaw tolled the death of the thriving communities of Troy and Springfield. This according to Snedecor's *History of Greene County*.)  
August 4 Doctor James Davis of Columbia, S.C., died aged 68. (FSU. This would have been Dr. William Patton's uncle by marriage; married to a sister of Dr. William's mother.)  
September 6 E.L.R. Patton and Thomas L.C. Means started to Indiana.  
Sept 20 Nancy Mays married John Nix.  
October 1 Joseph Steele, son of Alexander Steele, deceased.  
November E.L.R. Patton and family started removal to Texas.

#### 1839

June 13 General Robert Foster died.  
September 10 Mary Archibald, wife of J.P. Archibald, died. (FSU. Maiden name Mary Means, daughter of James and Margaret Means. See above note on Mrs. Peggy Means, Sr., mother of this Mary Means Archibald.)  
Sept 19 John Taylor and Ellinor White married.

#### 1840

January 21 Newton White and Juliette Mays married. [WBW. Robert Newton White who founded Corsicana, TX.]  
May 8 The greatest most washing flood we ever saw.  
May 8 The Great Flood turned Alabama to sickly. The beginning of a series of sickly years.  
May 19 Rev. Kennedy's daughter Charity died.<sup>12</sup>  
June 7 Mrs. White, wife of Robert, died.  
June 22 Gideon Reynolds' child died. Cholera Morbus.  
June 25 Benjamin Lamb's child died. Cholera Morbus.  
July 14 Robert White's child died.  
July 20 John P. Archibald deceased.  
July 20 John P. Archibald died. Cholera Morbus.  
August 14 Mathew Knox's man Lewis died.  
August 25 Mrs. White, wife of David S., died.  
Sept 14 Wiley Hartfield left here.  
November J.S.D. Otts died.<sup>13</sup> In 1840, Hugh Means died. [Born 1792, a son of Joseph and Rachel (Means) Means of Union Co., SC.]

#### 1841

January 2 Henry Gillespie began to study medicine.  
March 2 Davis S. White and Martha Archibald married.  
[no date] John Spencer died.  
March 4 Friday morning. Great tornado from Springfield to Tuscaloosa and c. [sic].  
March 7 John Spencer deceased.

April 4 President William H. Harrison died.  
 April 28 A.A. Steele, Jr., deceased.  
 April 28 Abner A. Steele, Jr., died 10 o'clock night.  
 May 13 Robert Mayo and Polly Mays married.  
 May 20 William Bruce's child died.  
 June Dr. Jacobs with William Patton short time.  
 June 2 Henry L. Gillespie bid us farewell. (APH. Nancy Steele, Elizabeth's twin sister, married a [James] Gillespie.)  
 June 2 Warren Stanhope Patton died, son of G.R. Patton.  
 Henry Gillespie quit us and left. Finale. [Quit studying medicine.]  
 June 11 James Jennings died at Amos Lay's.<sup>14</sup>  
 June 15 Doctor Jacobs began to practice medicine here.  
 June 17 George R. Kennedy came here the first time.<sup>15</sup>  
 Doctor Jacobs left us to get to bring his diploma.  
 July 4 Mrs. Jones, wife of Robert Jones, died.  
 July 5 Mary Johnson, daughter of John Johnson, died.  
 July 18 Andrew Snoddy, Jr., died.<sup>16</sup>  
 August 24 John Parham's son died.  
 August 25 Dr. A.C. Storey died.<sup>17</sup>  
 August 26 Morning dark and sorrow making. Evening stormy wild and strange.  
 August 27 Evan Howard died.  
 Sept 2 Samuel O. Spencer and company started to Texas.  
 October 3 Samuel Mays, son of David Mays, died.  
 Nov 4 Sophia Means and David Fife married.  
 November 17 William Patton started to North Mississippi.

#### 1842

Jany 19 James Steele and Peggy Ross Patton married. (FSU. The groom was Dr. William Patton's youngest brother-in-law; the bride was Dr. William Patton's niece, daughter of his brother, George Ross Patton.)  
 March 15 & 16 Snow on the ground 3 inches deep.  
 March 21 Mrs. Davis, Sr., wife of Absolem Davis, died.  
 May 1 Doctor William Mays' son born, died 31<sup>st</sup> instant.  
 May 23 Theodore Simpson Archibald, son of Robert A., died.  
 May 31 Mrs. Snoddy's son died.  
 June 21 William Spencer killed by Negroes.  
 July 1 A.A. Steele, Esq., Sr., died. (FSU. Dr. William Patton's father-in-law.) Has died this season Mrs. Snoddy's 3 children, all she had. Esq. Roberts, Clerk of C. Court. 4 Negroes of James Williamson and James Williamson and son, and son of Mrs. Daniels H.C. James White, son of Robert White, died.  
 August 23 Thomas Means, son of Hugh Means, died.<sup>18</sup>  
 William Leander Archibald, son of Thomas Archibald, died.  
 Miss E. McGehees died.  
 Sept 2 Widow Betsy Means of Hugh died. [See August 23 entry.]  
 Sept 11 Dick, Negro boy of Captain Hamilton, died. From 1<sup>st</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 1842 the most sickly ten days we have ever seen. Days of hardships and sorrows.  
 Sept 12 William White, son of Major James White, died.  
 Sept 23 Samuel Steele, son of A.A. Steele, Jr., died.  
 September 28 Thomas Alex. White, son of Major James, died and his brother, James, died a few days sooner.  
 Oct 20 Doctor Right [Wright] and Miss Elvira Storey married.<sup>19</sup>  
 Oct 30 G.R. Kennedy started to South Carolina.  
 Nov James Gillespie removed in November from Pickens to North Mississippi. (FSU. This was William Patton's brother-in-law, husband of his wife's twin

- sister [Nancy].)
- Nov 14 William Steele and William Patton started to North Mississippi.
- Nov 15 William Patton and William Steele trip to North Mississippi.
- Nov 17 William Patton's first trip to North Mississippi started.
- December 16 Married in this month, Samuel Morrow and Amanda White.<sup>20</sup>
- December 20 William White and Miss Saunders, and Ern. Saunders and Miss Tankely.
- December 21 John Thornton and Esq. Nolan's daughter.
- December 29 T.T. Tyree and Mrs. Elvy Spencer, widow of Samuel Spencer.

#### 1843

- July 19 Miss Margaret Kennedy died by fall from her carriage.
- July 21, 24, & c. With us Major White and Lady; R.G. Steele and Lady; Sister Nancy Gillespie and part of her family.
- September 24 Derry [slave] has fever and violent hemorrhage from nose continued 36 hours severe.
- November 25 James Mays, Sr., died 8 o'clock M.

#### 1844

- Jan 3 William G. Westmoreland and Miss Martann Harris married.
- Jan 7 Jane White died.
- Jan 9 Doctor William T. Park set up medicines here.
- Jan 23 William P. Archibald quit boarding with us.
- Jan 24 Mrs. Price, Sr., wife of Esq. William White, Sr., died. [Transcription error?]
- Feb 24 Gordon killed at Springfield by Meadows.
- Feb 25 David Brooks, Sr., died.
- March 22 Mrs. Spencer, widow of John, dead. House burnt.
- April 13 Abner E. Patton has the measles. (FSU. Son of Dr. William Patton.)
- April 30 Nancy E. Patton has the measles. (FSU. Daughter of Dr. William Patton.)
- May 6 James Steele's little daughter, Ester, died.
- June 28 Thomas White died, son of David S. White.
- July 24 James P. Means and wife here from Mississippi.<sup>21</sup>
- Oct 2 Samuel Burton, Esq., died.
- Oct 22 James Warren Steele, son of James Steele, born.

#### 1845

- Jan Thomas Brandon, Sr., says he was born January 1783.<sup>22</sup>
- Jan 26 Doctor Breden came and operated dentistry.
- Feb 9 Eloisa J. Means crippled by fall from horse. (MPM. This is the only indication as to what became of Eloisa Jane Patton, sister to Dr. William Patton, who married James Means.)
- May 2 Mrs. Holmes, wife of Thomas Holmes, died.
- June 1 Doctor William G. Westmoreland's oldest son, Chiff, born.
- June 8 General Andrew Jackson died, born March 1761.
- June 22 Widow Susan Franklin died.
- June 23 Robert Archibald, Esq., deceased.
- June 23 Robert Archibald, Esq., died.
- July 5 Aaron Hardlin's wife died. [Probably Aaron Harlan, a native of Union Co., SC.]
- July 12 George Right's [Wright's] wife died.
- August 1 William Otts' house burnt today and James Otts' house was burnt 2 or 3 weeks ago. \_\_\_\_\_ or his family suspected as incendiary.
- Gen. Willson's wife died.
- Rev. F.H. Porter died, 59 years old.
- Aug 1 Rev. Francis Porter deceased. (APH. One of the two organizers of New Hope

Church in 1821.)<sup>23</sup>

- Aug 9 Thomas Smith deceased. A good Republican.  
August 9 Thomas Smith, an honest man, died.  
August 12 Aaron Steele deceased.  
Aug 22 Thomas Brandon, Jr., died of consumption.  
Sept James Hall Archibald sold his land to Rev. Morg [sic].  
Sept 15 Margaret White, Sr., wife of May [sic] Thomas [White], deceased. [WBW. Nee Margaret Trail, wife of Major Thomas White.]  
Sept 17 Mrs. Nix, Sr., deceased.  
Sept 25 William Birchett and Sarah White married.  
Sept 27 Moses White deceased, son of May [sic] Thomas Cook [White]. [WBW. Transcription error. Major Thomas White.]  
Thomas White deceased, son of David S. White.  
October George R. Patton sold his land.  
Oct 12 Aaron Steele died 12 o'clock night. (FSU. This was a brother of Dr. William Patton's father-in-law, Abner Alexander Steele.)  
Oct. 21 Isaac White removed to Mississippi.  
October 21 Isaac [White] removed to North Mississippi.  
Oct 23 Samuel Thomas Archibald 3/4 Small and McDow to Texas.  
Nov 3 William Patton bought Thomas Means' land.  
Nov 13 Thomas Means moved to Mississippi.

#### 1846

- Jan 14 Betty Garner, wife of James Garner, died.  
Jan 24 Samuel T. Archibald, John Small, and Arthur McDow returned from Texas.  
Vincent Archibald, son of John Archibald, died.  
July 5 Great flood. Sims Creek uncommonly high.  
July 16 William and Lafayette Thornton were married to two of Moody Mays' daughters.

#### 1847

- Jan 8 The thermometer 7 o'clock morning down to 15.  
Feb 21 First introduction to Doctor Gambull.  
Jan Feby March Much rain and flood.  
March A great flood up in Steele's house.  
April 12 & 14 At court Eutaw \_\_\_\_\_ case.  
April 14 William Patton's daguerreotype likeness by Do. \$4.00 each.  
April 19 Walter and Thomas J. each had a likeness by Do. a face each. (APH has the one of Thomas J. Patton. It is the face of a youth filled with great maturity. Beautiful.)  
May We think the driest month of this year.  
July 3 Celebration at M. Knox's. T.L.C. Means orator. (FSU. Dr. William Patton's nephew, son of Eloisa Jane Patton Means.)  
July 8 Great rain and flood in the creek. July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Do.

#### 1848

- Jan 13 Joseph Steele died. Hurt by oxen. (FSU. Son of Aaron Steele and first cousin of Dr. William Patton's wife.)  
Jan 20 10 or 11 o'clock morning Grand Meteor seen and heard.  
Jan 21 Nancy E. Patton has been 5 weeks at her grandmother's. (FSU. Elizabeth Deale Steele.) Jefferson went for her today.  
Edward Archibald starts to Texas and returned about the middle of April next.  
Jan 31 Esq. Otts' Negro girl, Caroline, died. Autoptical examination.  
Feb 7 Sending to William Hawkin's School.

Feb 22	Revolution in France. General George Washington's birthday.
April 15	William Free's son born.
July	Jo Philips charged our Samuel [slave] wrongly with stealing his knife.
July 4	Oscar Allen died June 27 <sup>th</sup> and Pinckney Allen died July 4 <sup>th</sup> . A little barbecue held at William Henderson's.
July 12	Bought buggy of Briggs, Tuscaloosa, \$187.50.
August 8	Mrs. Mays, wife of William Mays, died.
August 17	Catherine Morrow died. <sup>24</sup>
August 19	Strange or uncommon storm passed through this country. No rain cloud or gust. (APH. Two illegible lines.) We heard some persons killed; we never saw such in summer.
August 23	Jefferson took wagon load of wheat to Sipsy Mill.
Sept 9	Anthony Mays died. <sup>25</sup>
Sept 27	Posey White, son of David S. White, born.
Sept 30	Corn all cribbed and 4000 lb. cotton gathered.
November	Battle Maton and Miss Drummond married at Doctor Snoddy's. <sup>26</sup>
Nov 9	We have gathered 30,000 lb. cotton.
Dec 7	Esq. Birchett's school ended, et cet.

#### 1849

William Patton and sons Walter and Jefferson went up to Tuscaloosa on the steamboat *Declaration*. Thomas J. Patton and Maison Knox entered college. On May 23<sup>rd</sup> following, Thomas J. Patton was taken down to bed severely with dysentery. Much bloody mucous. Friday, 25<sup>th</sup>, Walter S. Patton got a horse from the livery stable and came home in the evening late. Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> William Patton started with him. We got to Tuscaloosa 7 o'clock morning. Dr. J.S. Guild had been called in. We continued with him until Wednesday morning 11 o'clock. William Patton returned home late in the evening. Next day, Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, started back to town in buggy about 12 o'clock noon and took boy Ned [slave]. Got there about dusk. Jefferson bad. Dr. Guild immediately sent for consultation. We remained with him until Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. William Patton returned home, left Jefferson better and left Ned to assist him. Jefferson lay in his bed in these college dormitory until Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, when he was removed to Doctor Manley's house and under the care of that most excellent lady, Mrs. Manley. We got accounts from Jefferson frequently that he was improving and on the 14<sup>th</sup> July took buggy up to town and Jefferson, myself, and Ned came home and he continued to improve without any considerable backset. But he entered college nearly three months behind his class and not well prepared even if he could have begun with them for he had been two years on the farm, of course was rusty in what he has acquired. He entered under great discouragements and difficulties and has acquitted himself nobly so far now. August 22<sup>nd</sup> 1850 at home vacation until October 1<sup>st</sup> next and at present stands level with his class, fair even and square which considering his disadvantages and hindrances, the great quantity of study he had to make up at first and again from sickness recommend his perseverance and resolution to the admiration of his friends.

Jan 8	Mrs. Permelia McShan removed to Mississippi.
Jan 8	David White, son of Andrew White, came here to work. <sup>27</sup>
Jan 11	Marion Mayo and Mils Mize married.
Jan 14	Our boy John [slave] found dead in bed in the morning. He had epileptic fits and smothered.
Jan 18	William Mays and Mary Thornton married.
Jan 22	William Scott's son born.
Jan 22	Shipped 21 bales of cotton. Sold at \$5.37½ per cwt. Some weeks later shipped 2 bales yellow. Got \$5.89 per cwt for it.
Jan 24	Dr. David Morrow began to operate on Martha...(illegible). <sup>28</sup>
Feb 13	Samuel Archibald and Miss Jane H. Summerville married.
Feb 14	Henry McCracken buried. Found dead in creek.

- Feb'y 15 John Daniel and Celestine Mays married.
- Feb'y 26 Saw Esq. Williamson (or Willson) of Springfield 1<sup>st</sup> time. Died soon after.
- March 2 David White left us about fire in trees. [Dismissed for starting forest fire?]
- March 12 Thomas L.C. Means returned to South Carolina. (FSU. Dr. William Patton's nephew, son of Eloisa J. Patton and James Means.)
- March 17 Big flood in creeks. Bridges all reached.
- April No rain this month.
- April 15 Snow morning of the 14<sup>th</sup>. Frost and ice. Thermometer down to 11! Yes, Death's seal is set upon the fields. So early, yes so very early, robed in spring's gay green, Yes. Truly even now in Summer's richer robes of ripe maturity. Snow, frost, ice, cold north wind and long continued drought have dispossessed the fields of flower and leaf for Black the type of Death and Grief.
- May 19 Thermometer 5 morning 52. Fair, cool, windy. Sun shines bright. The shade very dark and cool. The sun is very bright and warm. The murmuring wind seems to converse of things lonely and far away. Altogether a day of poetry and romance. Bright and wild. Contrasts Grand and Glorious. Oh! How many ten thousand ways has the Lord of light and Life to warm the heart and win the will.
- May 21 William and Elizabeth at Pringle Baskin's. (FSU. A brother-in-law of Dr. William Patton. Married to his wife's sister.)
- May 22 James Archibald, son of Edward Mays died.
- June 10 Great storm of wind and rain.
- June 10, Sunday Thermometer 2 o'clock evening 85 and great storm of wind no rain black clouds in detached sheets and thrown down trees, fences. We had 49 trees in 23 acre field and fence all around. We thought it strange day like no other.
- July 2 First discovered Ned [slave] to be eating dirt.
- July 4 Barbecue at Newton White's old house.
- July 10 William Patton and Martha E. Patton went to college commencement. Jefferson remained at home.
- July 19 Got receipt for semi-weekly *Union* up to May 1850.
- July 22 Joseph Cater's son born. River now high up.  
Got college report of standing in study. Walter averaged 81 and Jefferson 80.
- August 14 We began to pull fodder. Finished August 25<sup>th</sup>. Eleven days of taking care of fodder. Much good. August 1850 - we have yet 100 or 200 bundles of fodder.
- September My taxes this year paid for two years, \$52.50. The fruit of a bank policy I opposed at the time, believing it would lord its money loving chicanery over such as I with a vengeance and truly it does. I never received one cent of its accommodation directly or indirectly and was forced to accept the vile system knowing that for others to grow rich we would have to labor hard to refund it. It seems to have been easy to contrive a way to swindle. We could have perhaps done so too, but the thought is odious, a moral nausea. And there are a few who had would rather to be poor than thus to grow rich.
- Sept 3 We began to pick cotton and hands gathered in 10 days 7085 seed cotton. Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, corn is all cribbed and 8000 lb. of cotton gathered. Corn crop good. About 10 loads or 200 bushels more than last year. 27 loads filled our two largest cribs. August 22, 1850, we have about 60 or 70 bushels old corn.
- Sept 4 John Parham and Martha Mays married.
- Sept 12 Wiley Dunn's son born.
- Sept 18 John Knox and Juliette Mays married.
- October 5 Rode home from Ryall Price's in night as dark as blackness. Minter's Creek at Ephm. Knox's and branches below Esq. Crawford's and Elias Cockrell's out all over the flat land and we knew not where the fords were, but gave ourselves in the crisis freely to the Power that rules destiny and all was safe. The creek was over our own bridge near to home.
- October 6 Mrs. Snoddy died.

October 13 One of my many bad night ride. Left Madison Dunn's about ten o'clock. Was raining and soon began to rain harder and to blow a rumpus. Oh! How dark and the road we all know is miserable indeed and such a dark wet stormy ride is not soon to be forgotten. Oh! If all were fairly painted in my 36 years of pill piddling the bits so acquired would not be coveted by the chicken hearted, nor is it by your humble servant, William Patton. August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1850.

October 20 Put a power of attorney into P. Office to E.L.R. Patton over a piece of land in Indiana. (WP. March 3<sup>rd</sup> [1850] received a letter from E.L.R. Patton dated Texas, Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, 1850, acknowledging the receipt of above power of attorney.)

Dec 12 The thermometer is 28 at 4 o'clock in the morning.

Dec 25 Sale of property of Luke Thornton, deceased.

### 1850

January Was a very wet month, cool, but not cold. The first & fifth day thermometer was down in the morning to 22 & for a week nearly so. There were but six or seven fair days in Jan. On the 7<sup>th</sup> of Jan William Patton started to Mobile and returned on the 16<sup>th</sup> instant. There has been something remarkably regular in Saturday being the wettest day of the week for many weeks January and after, especially Saturday afternoon was sure to be wet.

Jan 1 I returned from Tuscaloosa.

Jan 10 In Mobile sold 17 bales of cotton at 11¢.

Jan 14-21 William Dunn much distressed with pneumonia.

Jan 16 Met Amos Lay at Esq. Allen's, law question.

Jan 17 Ashur Pearson's son born.

January 18 James Knox, son of Isaac Knox, died.

Jan 21 Received a circular from Dr. Manley and Professor Garland on business of the University of Alabama.

Jan 22 Warrior River quite high, but lacked a few inches of being as high as it was in 1849.

Jan 23 Finished ginning cotton.

Jan 26 P.J. Lucius son born.

February Was a very variable month in temperature. Not so wet as January.

Feb 1 William Mays daughter born. Dr. Snoddy there.

Feb 2 Abner E. Patton strained his foot badly and on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> could walk but little.

February 4 The thermometer 7, in the morning was 21 and for 24 hours was not higher than 32 and for a week was low.

February 13 Snow commenced falling 9 o'clock night and continued to fall briskly until 11 o'clock the next day, but melted as fast as it fell. Thermometer at 36 or 38.

Feb 22 I went up to Tuscaloosa on the *William Bradstreet* steamboat. The trip was 31 hours.

Feb 23 Bought Judy mule from E.D. Biffle, Williamsport, Tennessee. Three years old April next. Paid \$105.

March The fore part of the month was spring-like and pleasant, but on the 27<sup>th</sup> snow began to fall 8 o'clock morning and continued near half the day with a driving north wind. Thermometer at 38, so it melted as it fell. We had frost and ice plenty. I had some corn up. A moderate supply left. Some fruit killed.

March 2 Received letter from E.L.R. Patton, Texas, dated Jan 26, 1850.

March 2 Learned from A.J. Gillespie's letter that William Gillespie got to California.

March 4 I subscribed to *Saturday Pst* [sic]. Paid \$1.00 to G.W. Knox.

March 4 Swapped my old horse Pomp 13 years old to G.W. Burnette for roan and gave \$90.00 to boot.

March 5 Sold gray pony to Robert Losson for \$20.00 and on March 12<sup>th</sup> sold little Johnny mule to Celeste Williams for widow Haguegood for \$10.00, 22 years



old at least.

- March 31 Walter and Jefferson returned to college. We saw some snow on the road.
- March 31 John Caldwell Calhoun departed this life in the city of Washington. We remember well when Mr. Calhoun was first elected to Congress and how well our Revolutionary fathers of that day were pleased with his first efforts. We remember well to have heard them say he is a bright young man, an ornament to his state and country. He served them faithfully, and how constantly and steadfastly. South Carolina sustained him history will show. But he has gone as all flesh must go. The grief of South Carolina is deep and sincere. He was born in Abbeville District, South Carolina, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1782; consequently 68 years and 13 days old at the time of his death. The history of his life is intimately interwoven with the history of his country for 40 years.
- April Was a month of cold, rain and flood. The last of April and the first day of May, we had a great flood in the river, one of the greatest that has ever been, considerable higher than the flood of 1849, about 18 inches higher. The river was over J. Noble Steele's about 3 feet and into J.T. Brown's store house and yet for some cause few mosquitoes succeeded to this great spring, compared to most other years. As yet, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, no uncommon amount of fever.
- April 12 Martha E. Patton went to her Grandmother Steele's with W.S. Patton. She went to stay some weeks and returned home with me May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- April 13 Mrs. Spain died.
- April 14 Walter, Jefferson, myself, and Derry [slave] went to Tuscaloosa.
- May [Long weather report.]
- May 4 Paid Amanda Archibald for schooling for 1849 \$8.25.
- May 6 Election at M. Knox's for Judges of Probate Court. Capt. Moore and Esq. Evans candidates; Evans elected by 19 votes majority in county.
- May 26 Received seed corn from James Gillespie by Thomas J. Drummond and Laban R. Moore who removed at this time to this neighborhood.
- May 28 Berkshire hog and playful kitten died with apoplexy to all appearances and head affections existed uncommonly with all people this summer.
- May 29 Finished wheat. 123 dozen only.
- May 29 Taxes assessed at M. Knox's by Ratlife for 1850. Same day census taken by Strother. Population only.
- May 30 Bought of John Clark Shakespeare's works 1 volume illustrated.
- June 13 W.S. Patton came home for 36 hours on livery stable horse and returned to town in the morning of the 15<sup>th</sup> instant. He remained up there until the 24<sup>th</sup> instant. I sent Derry with horse and he came home remained here until July 5<sup>th</sup>. Walter went up to Tuscaloosa on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July. Jefferson came down home and returned back to Tuscaloosa Tues 9<sup>th</sup> and I went up on Wed 10<sup>th</sup> and did not get there until the exercises for the graduating class were over, and on Thurs the 11<sup>th</sup> we all came home!
- June 14 Miss Amanda Archibald's school ended.
- June 27 [Weather report.]
- July 4 A barbecue at Jonathan Philips. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Capt. Peter Hamilton was murdered in his field by four young Negro fellows known by the names of Old Joe, Young Joe, Bill, and Jack. The Sunday before they had plundered the orchard and left home without permission. They went down in the neighborhood of the River and obtained whiskey, probably for the fruit as they had whiskey obtained dishonestly by their own admission, but would not say where they got it for the steeple of the smokehouse had not been drawn on as they stated. Captain Hamilton whipped some of them on Monday morning for these offenses a little, but little, their backs were examined by the Coroner's Court, but little sign of whipping to be seen. That evening, Monday evening, they entered into a conspiracy to kill their master. Too much indulged, self-exalted, and proud they could not bear to be checked in their crimes, they nursed the bloody purpose until rendered desperate by being denied the 4<sup>th</sup> of July as a holiday, they execute the

murder, he alone being with them in the field; and imagine they could conceal their crime, but OH how mistaken. They soon told the whole story for themselves and a darker tale of crime was never told. The 4 were committed to the Eutaw goal in Greene County to await their trial.

- July 4 Finished working our corn.  
July 9 President Zachariah Taylor died at 10 o'clock instant. Born 1784, consequently about 66 years old.  
July 15 Caught Burns Negro man George and whipped him for disorderly and outrageous conduct.  
July 16 Hillary Judge, son-in-law to Judge Thornton, died suddenly in Eutaw. Spasmodic colic probably.  
July 17 Alexander Graham, Esq., died suddenly in Eutaw. A man much esteemed for his excellent qualities and intellectual ability. A plain Republican with high order of mind.  
July 22 We began to use last crib of corn, 100 bushels.  
July 31 Intermittent fevers have prevailed in this month, but mostly of a mild character. Diarrhea or an irritable state of the bowels is frequent and more than common susceptibility of the brain.  
Aug 1 & 2 Pinkney Philips raised new mill house.  
Aug 4, 8, & 29 Thermometer to about 100 degrees.  
Aug 6 & 7 George Kimbrough and family visited us. (FSU. A brother-in-law. He was the husband of Esther Steele, youngest sister of Elizabeth Steele Patton.)  
Aug 6 & 7 Making boards for gin house and B. [Barn.]  
Aug 8 5 hands worked 2 days on Springfield road.  
Aug 19 & 20 We topped about 24 acres cotton for worms.  
Aug 23 A light shower of rain much the best since July 16<sup>th</sup> and but little, but appearance are more encouraging at present.

#### 1851

October The year is yet and has been the most extraordinary and strange of years. Dry, hot, sickness of unprecedented kind in this country. The winter and early spring were chilly damp and unpleasant, but not remarkable until the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April when we had a most unprecedented day of rain and flood. Great, great. Then, in the month of April, we had a few sprinkles only and on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May I considered our wheat and oats spoiling with the drought. We had only a few sprinkles until the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> of August and then nothing like sufficient to saturate the earth. Dry again, on and on. In the latter part of October, two very light showers hardly sufficient to bring up the wheat, oats, and c. Through much of the summer the hottest part of the day was up to from 98 to 104 degrees of temperature by thermometer hanging on the north side of this house. Early in the summer, a Dysentery appeared over on the Bigby first about Warsaw and caused many deaths. Spread gradually and was greatly distressing in our family in October, but prevailed most in the neighborhood in September; but I, William Patton, was severely attacked on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May. It is yet a mystery that I was attacked so long before the family and recovered from so severe an onset so soon. It was a violent case of that terrible epidemic. I was two or three weeks occasionally a little affected, but only 5 or 6 days bad.

October 24 5 o'clock evening Elizabeth Patton departed this life, 48 years and 8 months old. 25 years and 3 months the TRUE friend and affectionate consort of her now lonely and bereaved spouse.

#### 1853

(Note MPM. Last fly leaf, top torn half away. With two short exceptions, this seems to be the last entry William Patton made in his records. For some reason he does not express himself very coherently. Below in some of my words and some of his is what I think he felt.)

1853 is a lonely winter to us here in this house where the mother but a short time before with loving and patient skill presided over the family of six healthy stirring sons and daughters. The present is a contrast full of sweet and sorrowful memories. Now but two, the widowed father and affectionate daughter, are all of this family who occupy this sanctified homestead. The mother has been called away to Heaven and the others scattered abroad in the quest of knowledge and in the pursuit of useful and honorable vocations. These reflections reconcile us to the loneliness of our home. Soon the years will have fled and with them those scenes of childhood and youthful actions and feelings which have left so deep an impression upon the memory of the parent who is now acting the last scene in the Drama of Life. Soon the curtain must drop.

1859

On April 20, 1859, at 3 o'clock morning. Our eldest son, W.S. Patton, aged 31 years, 7 months, and 14 days, left ours for the Eternal Home, but that Serene Calm and Steadfast Resolution. (APH. Last lines illegible.)

1862

Mr. Durrah here to access my taxes June 27, 1862. (Note APH. Written on the last page of the volume in a greatly changed hand.)

Opposite [below] see the record of the sons and daughters of other days who have had their days and generations departed. Once they were children; then youths full of sprightliness and feeling; then the middle aged urged on by ardor and ambition; then worn out with the world and its struggles, they bowed their heads and departed. (APH. An entry in the front says this record was placed within in 1856.)

Dr. Z. Merriweather was born July 2, 1791, and deceased September 11, 1865, aged 65 years, 2 months, and 96 days. Fever.

March 20, 1856. Mrs. Tucker deceased somewhere in 60, not known exactly. Paralysis.

March 24, 1856. Mrs. Polly Coats deceased at Mrs. Levill's about 80 (or 30) years old. Lung disease.

April 13, 1856. Mrs. Samuel Chambers deceased about 78 years old. Urinary disease.

July 29, 1856. James Jennings deceased, aged about 82. Asthmatic dropsy. (Note MPM: Court records show this unfortunate gentleman owed William Patton \$14.50 which his estate was unable to pay.)

Mrs. Martha Patton deceased April 16, 1856, aged about 71. Gastritis. [Possibly Martha (Archibald) Patton, widow of William Patton, Jr. (1768-1825).]

Betsy Archibald deceased at James Hall Archibald's about March 1856, aged 91.

Thomas Leg deceased in the spring of 1854 at Rev. M. Smith's, aged about 86. Senile mortification of the leg.

Mr. Holland deceased in the spring of 1854 at Doctor John Storey's, about 91 or 92. Age's infirmity.

Matthew Knox deceased June 14, 1854, was in his 57<sup>th</sup> years. Strangular hepatitis.

John McShan died about December 1st, aged about 80 years. Pneumonic fever.

Isaac Knox was born November 13, 1795 and deceased September 19, 1856, 61 years old next November. Gastritis with hepatitis.

H. Dobson Reese deceased in the fall of 1855, aged about 83. Paralysis, 2<sup>nd</sup> attack.

Some dates from a discourse on the *Dead of the Synod of Alabama* by Robert Hall, Selma, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 1851.

Thursday, March 1, 1821, the Rev. A. Burns, Rev. James Sloss, and Rev. Neil McMillin organized the first Presbytery in Alabama in Cahaba.

Reverend Andrew Brown deceased near Marion on the 8<sup>th</sup> day in October 1823. In 1820, The Rev. Andrew Brown settled in Tuscaloosa.

The Rev. Francis Porter visited Alabama in 1818 and again in 1821 and in this year, 1821.

The Reverend Andrew Brown and Francis Porter organized New Church in Greene County, Alabama, and joined the Presbytery of South Alabama in spring of 1828. Died on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August, leaving a wife and seven children. In the year 1822, the Reverend Joseph P. Cunningham from Kentucky settled in Concord. Lebanon and Mount Zion Churches in Greene County, Alabama. In 1822, Rev. James Hillhouse settled in Greensborough. In 1832, Joseph P. Cunningham returned to Kentucky and died soon after. The Rev. James Hillhouse deceased in Greensborough November 17, 1835. In the year 1826, the Rev. Robert Cunningham, D.D., settled in Alabama. Died 1839. April 12, 1823, the Rev. Joseph Cunningham was ordained, the first ordination in Alabama. The Rev. Isaac Hadden appointed missionary in 1823 and died 1849. The Rev. Richard B. Cater, D.D., came to Alabama September 28<sup>th</sup> and died in Montgomery January 26, 1851. The subscriber heard Rev. James Hillhouse and Rev. Joseph Hillhouse, Rev. R.B. Cater, Rev. Reed preach their Licentiate sermons at a Synod at Fairforest, South Carolina.

William Patton

(FSU. It was the final sentence above that led Mabel P. Morrison to the discovery that Dr. William Patton's grandfather, also named William Patton, lived in Fairforest, South Carolina, which in turn led to the discovery of other records on the family.)

Abner Alexander Steele was born November 5, 1768.

Departed this life July 1, 1843 [1842], aged 74 years wanting 4 months, 4 days.

Elizabeth Deale, his wife, born April 13, 1777. Deceased July 2, 1854. [A daughter of Clement and Mary (Griffin) Deale.]

Abner A. Steele and Elizabeth Deale married March 26, 1794. They were united in life 48 years, 3 months, and 4 days.

1. Alexander Steele their son born January 8, 1795. Deceased April 5, 1828, aged 33 years and 3 months, wanting 3 days.
2. Mary Steele their daughter born September 23, 1796, married James Archibald August 1821. Departed this life September 10, 1829, aged 43 years wanting 13 days. (FSU. She was either 33 or the date should be 1839.)
3. Elihu Reese Steele their son born December 25, 1798.
4. Richard Griffin Steele born December 31, 1800.

- 5 & 6. Nancy and Elizabeth Steele, twins, born February 27, 1803. Elizabeth was married to William Patton July 20, 1826. Deceased October 24, 1851, aged 48 years, 8 months, an affectionate wife. [Nancy married James Gillespie.]
7. Martha Steele was born January 3, 1805. Departed this life September 10, 1822, aged 17 years, 8 months, and 7 days.
8. William Steele was born July 5, 1807. [Died 12 June 1836 while returning from the Florida War.]
9. Abner Alexander Steele was born October 15, 1809. Married Mary B. Ingham August 18, 1836. Died April 28, 1841.
10. Jane Steele was born November 22, 1811. [Married Pringle Baskin.]
11. Susannah Steele was born March 29, 1814. [Died young.]
12. Ester Steele was born October 21, 1817. [Married George Kimbrough on 14 February 1835.]
13. James Steele was born October 16, 1820. [Married Peggy Ross Patton on 19 January 1842, a daughter of George Ross and Mary (Davidson) Patton, Sr.]

Note by William Patton: Clement and Mary Deale were parents of Elizabeth Deale.

#### THE STEELE FAMILY

Author Unknown

[Sent by Mrs. Underwood McCoy with the Dr. William Patton Records]

Descendants of the Steele family of Greene County, Alabama, can trace their family line to the immigrant ancestor, John Steele, who was born in Ireland and came to Philadelphia about 1700.

In the *History of Delaware (1609-1888)*, published by the Historical Society of Delaware, page 933, in the chapter on the history of New Castle County, we find the following: "On August 19, 1707, two hundred and fifty acres of land, the property of Joseph Moore, was sold by Colonel John French, Sheriff, and purchased by John Steele, who came from Ireland and settled at Philadelphia. John Steele purchased other lands in White Clay Creek Hundred which, at his death, passed into the hands of his son James." As late as 1888, this property was still in the possession of the Steele family, having been handed down father to son.

John Steele, in the same volume, is mentioned as an elder of the Head of Christiana Church. This church was founded in 1708 by the Alexanders and other Scotch-Irish settlers, who previous to this time had worshipped at New Castle, the full title being Protestant Presbyterian Session of the Protestant Presbyterian Congregation of Head of Christiana Church.

John Steele was the father of James, Joseph, Mary and possibly one other daughter who I believe was married to George Gillespie. We know that his daughter Mary was married to James Alexander. The will of James Alexander (1717) mentions his father-in-law, John Steele, Yeomen of New Castle County, and James Alexander's wife's name was Mary. In a book entitled *The Mecklenburg Signers and Their Neighbors*, by Worth S. Ray, he lists the will of John Garner in 1723 which shows as heirs: the children of James Steele; the children of James Alexander by Mary Steele; Joseph Steele and Margaret Steele; George Gillespie; and the children of George Gillespie. He goes on to state that one of George Gillespie's sons was a cousin "of course" to both the children of James Steele and to the children of James Alexander by Mary Steele. I think the obvious inference is that the wife of George Gillespie was a sister to James and Mary Steele, both

known children of John Steele.

As stated in the *History of Delaware*, James Steele inherited most of his father's property. James is, himself, mentioned several times in this volume. He served on a committee formed by Governor Penn of Pennsylvania to settle a border dispute in 1732-1733 concerning the border between Maryland and Pennsylvania and is again mentioned in the history of the Head of Christiana Church as having, in 1732, leased a tract of land of two acres "already laid out for and towards the Erecting and Building thereon a new House for the exercise of Divine Worship by those Protestant Dissenters commonly called presbyterians." This church was erected in 1750, the congregation having met prior to that time in a log cabin meeting house. James Steele was also ordered by Governor Penn to write a letter in the matter of a market-house dispute in 1737. It might be interesting to note here that the counties of New Castle, Sussex, and Kent, now located in Delaware, were at that time a part of the Province of Pennsylvania. A look at a present day map will show the area in which the Steele family lived to be in the northwestern tip of Delaware, next to Cecil County, Maryland, and bounded on the north by Pennsylvania.

It might also be interesting at this point to read about the excerpts from the diary of W.T. McKean, a great-great-grandson of James Steele. These entries in his diary were made in 1862 upon the occasion of a visit to the Steele farm in Newark, Delaware. He stayed in the Steele home on this visit.

"May 30, 1862. Our visit in Philadelphia will soon be over. I am now on board a steamboat bound for Wilmington. While I lie here I can see nine steamboats and the masts of the ships look like an old clearing. As far as the eye can see you will see ships, thousands are unloading (unreadable) Newark. We have arrived here. We passed through Wilmington. It is a right beautiful place, beautifully laid out in squares. It is quite a place of business. We then took the cars for Newark and arrived here about eight o'clock in the afternoon. We met several ships sailing on the Bay. I saw the 10<sup>th</sup> Regt. of Rosessland (word doubtful) going to Washington. They are a fine looking set of fellows. Newark is a beautiful village situated about one mile from here. It is a nice place. This is a very pretty country so far as I can judge, but I can tell better after I see more of the state of Delaware. It is now night, 10 P.M.

"May 31, 1862. Newark. I have walked over the farm. It is a nice farm and on the line between Delaware and Maryland. The state line runs through the place. I went down to Newark this morning with George Steele. I saw the place where the British army passed through on their way to attack Wilmington. The Battle of Brandywine was fought some sixteen miles from here. I saw the place where the young man was killed on the college steps some years ago. I visited the old churchyard and graveyard. In it are graves that are 144 years old. I visited the place where my Grandmother McKean was born. (Note: Anna McIntire McKean, great-great-granddaughter of James Steele, and born 1778 in Cecil County, Maryland.) The walls of the home yet remain. I went over into Maryland this afternoon, but did not see any Sesech.

"June 1, 1862. It rained very hard last night and some this morning, but is now clearing off. I went to preaching near here and heard Mr. Valandingham preach. He is a brother of the Rebel Congressman from Ohio. He is a very able man. We then went home and ate our dinner. We then went to preaching out to McClellansville to Methodist meeting. Got acquainted with two young ladies. Went home and I don't know what else I'll do.

"June 2, 1862. Started to Baltimore. (Note: While in Washington, he was at the White House and saw President Lincoln, but 'he only talked to us a few minutes.')

The above excerpts were sent to me from the files of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington, D.C., as part of the proofs of descent of one of their members. To the above, she adds the following note (written in 1933): "I consider the above of interest because written 71 years ago it shows the family visited the Delaware relatives, the Steeles, that the McIntire house, though in ruins, was still standing and was visited during a morning drive that included the mile drive to Newark. It shows also that the Battle of Brandywine was of interest to the vicinity and not distant. I think the residents of Newark enlisted in East Bradford Township, Chester County, Pa., for Alexander Steele (note: he was the son of James who inherited the family land in the next generation) is on their record of soldiers, yet no Steele paid taxes there. Business took them to Wilmington. Residents of Newark nowadays drive to Wilmington sometimes several

times in one day. The minister referred to is the one of which Head of Christiana Church is most proud, their pastor for 40 years, author of *Historical Discourses by Vallandigham*."

From an address delivered on October 9, 1932, by Rev. Henry Welborn of the Head of Christiana Church: "It is from 1707 that we date anniversary services. In 1717 Philadelphia Presbytery became too large and was divided into three Presbyteries of which New Castle Presbytery was one. Mr. Gillespie was one of the original members of this reorganization and the elder that represented this church was John Steele. On March 5, 1732, two acres and four perches were leased by James Steele to the elders of this church." (Note: they chose two elders from each county and each county is now in a different state, Cecil County, Maryland; New Castle County, Delaware; and Chester County, Pennsylvania.)

All of these bits and pieces help, I think, to give one the feel of the community and the part the Steele family played in the development of the area.

On page 1 of this report, I gave as a reference *The Mecklenburg Signers and Their Neighbors*. I would like to tell you something about the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. This declaration was made in 1775 and predated the Declaration of Independence signed by the colonists the following year. Mecklenburg was in North Carolina and this declaration was framed and signed by a convention of duly elected delegates at Charlotte, North Carolina. In his book, Mr. Ray states, "the actual birthplace of the indomitable spirit and love of liberty that brought forth this defiant demand for religious freedom and independence can be traced back to the 'forks of the Elk' and the banks of the Susquehanna River in what is now Cecil County, Maryland. The Alexanders, Gillespies, (etc.), all settled Cecil County, Maryland, and it was their influence, operating through the (and he names many additional families) offshoots of those teeth-gritting, defiant and determined sons and daughters of the Highlands of Scotland who were besieged at Londonderry, who flung the seeds of liberty to the four winds of a New World and brought about a revolution in thought and action that startled the thrones of Europe." Steeles and Alexanders were marrying back and forth for many generations, the most recent being the marriage of Aaron Steele to Violet Alexander of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, who were the parents of Abner Alexander Steele.

James Steele, son of John Steele, died in New Castle County, Delaware, and his will is dated August 20, 1751. His will names his wife as Mary, and most records I have found say that her name was Mary Alexander. Since none of these records predate the early 1900's, there is no proof that was her name and research shows that she was most definitely not the daughter of James Alexander and Mary Steele as has been supposed. There were, however, many other Alexander families in the area, so we cannot rule out the probability of her being from one of them. One of the present generation Steele descendants joined Colonial Dames on a lineage that is only partially correct. Having correctly traced the line to James Steele, she then skipped over to his sister Mary Steele who married James Alexander and traced the Alexander line back to qualify for membership. It was originally thought from the accompanying charts that the daughter of James Alexander and Mary Steele was the Mary who married James, but that also is not correct.

James Steele and his wife, Mary (Alexander?), were the parents of John, Moses, James, Mary, Alexander, William, Isaac, and Aaron.

John married a Miss Allen and their children were Allen, John, Mary, Sarah, James, and Joseph.

Alexander married a Rachel in 1758 and their children were Allen, James, and Ruth. (Their descendant filed Bible records with the DAR Bible records at the Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware.) Alexander was born in 1730 and died in 1783.<sup>29</sup>

William married Elizabeth Maxwell Gillespie about 1763 in North Carolina. She was the widow of William's first cousin, Robert Gillespie. William and Elizabeth had only one son, General John Steele, who was born November 1, 1764, in the town of Salisbury, North Carolina. He served in the Legislature, was a member of the First United States Congress, and First Comptroller of the Treasury under George Washington. He died August 14, 1815.

Isaac was born October 23, 1732, will dated March 13, 1802, and probated March 15, 1803. He died in the Pendleton District of South Carolina. He married Grissel Dixon, born June 10, 1750, and died August 1848 in Benton, now Calhoun County, Alabama, at the home of her

daughter, Jane Steele Barnett. They were the parents of James, Michael, Margaret, William, John, Ruth, Isaac, Jr., Moses, and Jane.

Mary is named in her father's will as the wife of James Alexander.

We can see from the above, and next, record that while the son (Alexander) who inherited the property from his father (James) remained in Delaware, the others spread far and wide. We do not know anything about the sons Moses and James, Jr.

Aaron Steele, from whom the Alabama Steele family is descended, son of James and Mary Steele, was born in New Castle, Delaware, about 1740, his will probated on November 10, 1795 in the Abbeville District of South Carolina. He was married in 1761 to Violet Alexander of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, by whom he had four children, William, James, Abner Alexander, and Aaron. Violet Alexander was born about 1743 and died about 1780. Aaron then married Mrs. Elizabeth Crosby (Cozby) in 1782 at Long Cane in the Abbeville District, South Carolina, by whom he had one daughter, Jean, called Jenny, who never married.

Aaron is thought to have moved to the Abbeville District of South Carolina about 1773. He is a certified DAR Patriot of the American Revolution. In a notarized statement made in March of 1901, his granddaughter, Esther L. Steele Kimbrough (youngest child of Abner Alexander Steele), declared that she often heard her father say that he was old enough to go and bring back the horses that his father, Aaron Steele, and his brother, William, rode to the army. She also stated that her grandmother, Violet Alexander of Mecklenburg County, wife of Aaron Steele, was on her death bed when the Tories took the bed from under her.

The children of Aaron Steele and Violet Alexander were William, James, Abner Alexander, and Aaron, Jr.

William was born December 3, 1763 in North Carolina and in 1788 he married Esther Love of Augusta County, Virginia, born 1770 and died in 1850. His children and some of his grandchildren are listed in a brief writing of him in *History of Pendleton*, by R.W. Simpson. His children were Mary Love, Elizabeth, Aaron, William, Jr., Joseph, and James.

Aaron, Jr., was born July 6, 1775, and died October 12, 1845. He is buried in New Hope Cemetery in Knoxville, Alabama. He married an Elizabeth Murray or Massey and they were the parents of at least two known children: Joseph, and a Mrs. Sloan (first name unknown). Aaron appears to have followed his older brother, Abner Alexander Steele, to Greene County, Alabama, for in the diary of William Patton there is a mention of Aaron's house burning down. There is also a mention of Aaron's son, Joseph, who died following an accident with some oxen. Joseph is also buried in New Hope Cemetery. We learned about Aaron's daughter in a rather round about way. It seems that in her old age she was going to be sent off to a home and Thomas Jefferson Patton (her great-nephew) came and got her and welcomed her into his home. When she died, she left him her property which did not sit well with Esther L. Steele Kimbrough (Thomas Jefferson Steele's aunt, and niece of Mrs. Sloan) who apparently had expected to inherit it. In corresponding with descendants of one of Thomas Jefferson Steele's other Steele uncles, I was sent a copy of an old letter in their possession which gave Mrs. Sloan's name and told part of the story. Then, among the letters that were handed down as belonging to Thomas Jefferson Steele was one from his agent in Mississippi discussing the property that he had inherited from Mrs. Sloan. Aaron seems to have had only the two children, the son dying young and the daughter with no issue.

We have no knowledge of Aaron's son, James.

Abner Alexander Steele was born November 4, 1768, in either Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, or Pendleton District, South Carolina. He was married on March 26, 1794, to Elizabeth Deale, daughter of Clement Deale, whose name appears in the census of 1790 as living in Pendleton District, South Carolina. He sold this land in 1796 and I have been unable to trace his family after that time. Elizabeth was born April 13, 1777, probably in Pendleton, and died July 2, 1854. [That was then Cherokee Indian land. The Deales went to Pendleton District from present Laurens Co., South Carolina, around 1790.] Both Abner Alexander and Elizabeth Steele are buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Eutaw, Greene County, Alabama.

They were the parents of thirteen children, only one of whom did not live to maturity. All but the youngest child were born in Pendleton District, South Carolina, the youngest being born after the family relocated to Alabama. Elihue Rees Steele, second son and third child of this



couple, is said to have been the first of the family to come to Alabama. He then went back to South Carolina and assisted in the move of the entire family to Greene County. In 1818, Elihue R., then only twenty years old, and his next youngest brother, Richard Griffin Steele, planted their first crop at Mesopotamia, Alabama. This town, lying a mile from Eutaw, was later incorporated into Eutaw. Steele's Bluff at Steele's Landing was named after this prominent family and for many years was one of the regular landing spots for the ships trading up and down the Black Warrior River. Abner Steele is listed among the founders of the New Hope Presbyterian Church at Knoxville, Alabama, in 1818.

The children of Abner Alexander and Elizabeth (Deale) Steele were Alexander, Mary, Elihue R., Richard G., Nancy and Elizabeth (twins), Martha, William, Abner Alexander, Jr., Jane, Susanah (the only one who died young), Esther, and James. Their births span a period of twenty-five years from 1795 to 1820.

## ENDNOTES

1. Thomas Patton, a son of William and Jean Patton of present Chester Co., SC, who moved to the Fairforest area of present Union Co., SC, in about 1772. Their other children were Capt. Matthew Patton (1758-1837), a celebrated Revolutionary War officer, by some reports supposedly first married to two sisters, daughters of Charles and Mary Moore of Walnut Grove Plantation of present Spartanburg Co., SC, although no proof of such has ever been discovered, then to Nancy (Bobo) Holland Simpson Colbert in 1802, a daughter of Sampson and Sarah (Simpson) Bobo of Spartanburg Co.; Prudence Patton (1753-1784), who married Brig. Gen. Hugh Means (War of 1812) of Union Co.; Eloise Janette Patton (1763-1827), who married Samuel Archibald; and William Patton, Jr. (1768-1825), who married Martha Archibald. Capt. Matthew Patton did have one son, mother unknown, William L. Patton, born ca. 1800 and died 1840-1850 in Carroll Co., TN, married to Sarah Ann Isabella Means, a daughter of James and Sarah (Kelso) Means (first wife) of Spartanburg Co., SC. Capt. Matthew Patton is buried in the Pilgrim's Rest Presbyterian Cemetery, Carroll Co., TN, having moved from SC to there in 1832. On 7 July 1807, he did sign a bond in Spartanburg Co. to acknowledge he was the father of a child previously born to Elizabeth Autry.

2. A daughter of Dr. George and Isabella (Montgomery) Ross, Sr., of present Laurens Co., SC. Dr. Ross attended the wounded after the Revolutionary War Battle of Musgrove's Mill and later saved the life of the wounded American Patriot, Major Joseph McJunkin of present Union Co., SC.

3. William Kennedy Clowney (1797-1851), a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Kennedy) Clowney, and grandson of William and Mary Ann (Brandon) Kennedy of Union Co., SC, Mary Ann a sister to Col. Thomas Brandon who commanded the Second Spartan Regiment during the Revolutionary War.

4. Dr. John Storey (1779-1862), a son of James and Catherine (Cunningham) Storey, and grandson of George and Hannah (McElwaine) Storey, married Jane (1810-1890), thought to be a Cunningham. Both buried Hebron Presbyterian Cemetery, Greene Co., AL. George and Hannah Storey, with her brother, James, came from PA to present Spartanburg Co., SC, in 1751 and it was James McElwaine who gave the name to the Fairforest area. George Storey built Storey's Fort, a very important refuge for the Whigs during the Revolution.

5. Samuel Archibald married Eloise Janette Patton (1763-1827), a sister to Dr. Thomas Patton (1765-1819).

6. Peggy Means (1762-1835) was a daughter of Thomas and Jean (Rutherford) Mayes, and wife of James C. Means (1758-1807) of Union Co., SC.

7. Rev. Robert M. Cunningham (1760-1839), born Gettysburg, PA, a son of Roger and Mary (Sturgeon) Cunningham, came with his parents to Mecklenburg Co., NC, in 1775 with siblings Robert, William, James, Nelly, Mary, and Margaret. In 1792, he married Elizabeth Moore (d. 1794), a daughter of Charles and Mary Moore of Walnut Grove Plantation, Spartanburg Co., SC. In 1795, he married Elizabeth Parks of Spartanburg Co. and they went to AL in 1822, where he founded the Presbyterian church at Tuscaloosa.

8. James Patton Means, a son of Brig. Gen. Hugh and Prudence (Patton) Means. See 24 July 1844 entry note. Washington Harris, a son of Mark and Elizabeth (Means) Harris, and grandson of Brig. Gen. Hugh Means. All of Union Co., SC.

8A *Horse Shoe Robinson, A Tale of the Tory Ascendancy*, by John P. Kennedy, pub. 1835, a historical novel based on the Revolutionary War in Backcountry SC, especially in the areas of Union, Laurens, and Spartanburg Cos., the main characters having been Capt. James "Horseshoe" Robertson and Mary Musgrove. For further information, see the article "Horse Shoe Robinson Revisited" by Robert J. Stevens, pub. Chester District Genealogical Society *Bulletin*, Dec. 1993

9. A son of George and Hannah (McElwaine) Storey of Union Co., SC, married Elizabeth Cunningham (1764-1849) in

10. Dr. William S. Mayes (1813-1843), buried Hebron Cemetery, Greene Co., AL.
11. Charlotte Rebecca Reid, a daughter of Dr. George and Sophia (Elmore) Ross, Jr., of Laurens Co., SC, and wife of Dr. William Mitchell Reid (1808-1881), a son of Dr. Joseph and Anne Thompson (Sims) Reid of Union Co., SC. The parents of Dr. Joseph Reid, John and Judith Reid, came from Loudoun Co., VA, and established the now extinct town of Reidstown in Union Co., SC, once a thriving community. Dr. Joseph Reid (1781-1847) moved some of his family to Madison Co., MS, sometime prior to 1846, possibly in 1838 from this record.
12. Rev. Robert W.B. Kennedy (1794 - ? ) married Mrs. Charlotte Simpson ( ? -1869) in Greene Co., AL, in 1830. He was the first pastor of Hebron Presbyterian Church in Greene Co., where he and his wife are buried.
13. None of the Otts in these records have been genealogically identified, but they must have been descendants of Martin Otts who was born in Germany in 1743, came to PA in 1761, then to present Spartanburg Co., SC, just after the Revolution, where he married Elizabeth McJoye and settled at Otts Shoals on the Tyger River.
14. Amos Lay married Sarah Otterson, daughter of Major Samuel and Ruth (Gordon) Otterson of Union Co., SC, who took their entire family to Greene Co., AL, in 1821. Samuel Otterson (1754-1837) was a son of James and Rebecca Otterson who came to present Union Co., SC, from PA in 1750 and built Otterson's Fort near present Santuc, Union Co., SC, during the Revolutionary War. Ruth Gordon was a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Caldwell) Gordon of Union Co., SC. Major Samuel and Ruth Otterson are buried unmarked in the Old Otterson Cemetery in Greene Co., AL. Major Otterson's sister, Sarah, married John Johnston, a Patriot, who was captured by the British during the 1780 Battle of Blackstock's Ford in Union Co., SC. By the order of British Col. Banastre Tarleton, he was taken to his nearby home and hanged in front of his wife and six children.
15. George Ross Kennedy, son of Rev. John Brandon and Rebecca (Ross) Kennedy of Union Co., SC, and grandson of William and Mary Ann (Brandon) Kennedy.
16. According to Dr. J.B.O. Landrum in his *History of Spartanburg County, SC*, the brothers, Andrew and Dr. Samuel Snoddy, were sons of John and Elizabeth (Riddle) Snoddy of Spartanburg Co., SC, their father murdered by Tory Major Bloody Bill Cunningham in 1781, meaning they were born before. They were more likely grandsons. Buried in Hebron Cemetery, Greene Co., AL, is a Dr. Sam Snoddy (1809-1894), who first married Elizabeth Jane Storey Morrow (1830-1869), a daughter of David and Margaret (Storey) Morrow, and granddaughter of Samuel and Janet (Nelson) Morrow of Fairforest, Spartanburg Co., SC., then Melissa A. Storey (1842-1888). Refer to the November 1848 entry note for the birthdate of Peggy (Snoddy) Drummond, sister of Andrew and Dr. John Snoddy, which further confirms they were not the children of John Snoddy killed in 1781.
17. Arthur Cunningham Storey, born 1799, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Cunningham) Storey of Spartanburg Co., SC, married Elizabeth R. White (1800-1884), a daughter of Thomas Cook and Margaret (Trail) White of Union Co., SC.
18. Hugh Means (1792-1840), a son of Joseph and Rachel (Means) Means, married a Betsy (1794-1842).
19. See 25 August 1841 entry note. Dr. A.C. Storey had a daughter, Margaret Elvira, born 1822, but married John C. McCuiston, according to one report.
20. Samuel Nelson Morrow, a son of David and Margaret (Storey) Morrow, natives of Spartanburg Co., SC.
21. James Patton Means (1783-1859), a son of Brig. Gen. Hugh and Prudence (Patton) Means of Union Co., SC, married Jane "Jenny" Archibald (1778-1848), a daughter of Thomas and Martha (Edmond) Archibald, then a Melinda Neice. He became guardian for his maternal first cousins, Mary, James L. and William A. Patton, minor children of William Patton, Jr. (1768-1825), and for Mary Archibald, his wife's minor sister, who later married Alonzo F. Love in Greene Co., AL. In 1853, Rev. William T. Savage wrote his brother-in-law, Rev. James H. Saye in Union Co., SC, from Yalobusha Co., MS, to say that he had just preached in Calhoun Co., MS, when two of "R. Means'" daughters had joined the church, granddaughters of "J. Means, formerly of Fairforest Presbyterian Church," Union Co., SC.
22. Thomas Brandon, a son of Col. Thomas and Elizabeth (McCool) Brandon of Union Co., SC.
23. According to Dr. George Howe, D.D., Rev. Francis H. Porter (1786-1845) was a son of David Porter of Bethesda congregation, York Co., SC, and studied theology under Dr. James Hall of NC. He became president of Mt. Zion College in Winnsboro, SC, for a period, then was pastor of Purity Presbyterian Church in Chester County, SC, 1814-1816, after which he conducted a classical school in Ashville, NC. Next, he conducted the Cedar Spring Academy in Spartanburg Co., SC, and preached at Fairforest Presbyterian Church in Union County, SC. In 1828, he moved permanently to AL where he died and was buried in Bethsalem Churchyard, Greene Co., AL. His wife was a daughter of Rev. C.D. Kilpatrick of NC, and they had four sons to become Presbyterian ministers.
24. Catherine Morrow (1818-1848), a daughter of David and Margaret (Storey) Morrow, natives of Spartanburg Co., SC.

25. Anthony Mayes (1782-1848) married Cynfina Otterson (1787-1852), a daughter of Major Samuel and Ruth (Gordon) Otterson, natives of Union Co., SC.
26. Andrew and Dr. Sam Snoddy had a sister, Peggy (1798-1831), who married Rev. Warren Drummond (1798-1851) in Spartanburg Co., SC, after which he married twice more. This may have been her daughter.
27. Andrew T. White (1802- ? ) married Melinda Jane Patton, a daughter of William and Martha (Archibald) Patton, Jr., with William, Jr., a brother to Dr. Thomas Patton (1765-1819), father of Dr. William Patton, author of this diary. Brothers Andrew T., John S., Moses L., Robert, and Joseph White, parents unknown, went from Spartanburg Co., SC, to Greene Co., AL.
28. Samuel and Janet (Nelson) Morrow, who had moved from Chester Co., SC, in 1782 to Spartanburg Co., SC, had a number of children who went to Greene Co., AL, in 1817, including William N. Morrow (b. 1788) who married Elizabeth Storey, a daughter of James and Catherine (Cunningham) Storey; and David Morrow (1791-1842) who married Margaret Storey (1793-1870), a sister to Elizabeth. Other Morrow children were Mary (b. 1782) who married Sanford Smith and remained in Spartanburg Co.; Agnes (b. 1784) who married Robert Gaston; John (b. 1786) who married Eleanor Trail in 1808, then Elizabeth Cunningham in 1823; Robert (b. 1793) who visited his uncle, William Nelson, in AL in 1816, then married Eleanor Means, a daughter of James and Margaret (Mayes) Means; Janet (b. 1796) who married Henry M. Storey; Sarah (b. 1798) who married Richard Daniel; Samuel (b. 1802) who married Margaret Morrow, a cousin. Samuel Morrow (1760-1842), a son of David and Martha (Brashears) Morrow, came with his parents from Baltimore, MD, to present Chester Co., SC, in 1765. Janet Nelson (1760-1849) came from County Down, Ireland, to Chester Co. in 1772. They are buried in the Fairforest Presbyterian Cemetery, Union Co., SC.
29. According to a list of "Annuities for Persons Hurt in the Service of the State," presented by Jean C. Agee in the Chester District Genealogical Society *Bulletin*, Sept. 1985, "1786, Nov. 10. Paid children of Alex Steel, killed at Long Canes. 2 £." That suggests his wife was deceased or had remarried. Long Canes was in what became Abbeville County, now modern McCormick County, SC.

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## ELMS - WILEY

The Elms and Wiley families of North Carolina were joined through the marriage of Martha Eulelia Elms, known as Eula, and Benjamin Franklin Wiley. She was 18, and he was 26. They were married on 3 Oct 1877 in Pineville, NC in the home of her mother, Malvina E. Elms. They were married by D. W. Thomasson, Baptist Minister of Garibaldi, Gaston County, NC. D. W. Thomasson was the husband of Anna Jane Wiley, Benjamin Franklin Wiley's sister. Witnesses were Samuel Williamson, H. Bryan, and R. M. Gaston, all listed as residents of Pineville. R. M. "Ross" Gaston was married to Mary Alice Wiley, who was also B. F. Wiley's sister<sup>1</sup>. Eula's marriage obviously was a happy occasion, celebrated by both families.<sup>2</sup>

Benjamin Franklin Wiley's parents, John W. and Elizabeth Ray (Washburn) Wiley, owned a plantation known as the "John W. Elms Place", located next to the plantation on which Eula's family lived. Eula's father's plantation as well as the one owned by John W. Wiley originally belonged to John W. Elms, Eula's grandfather. This was a large plantation (known as the Clark tract) that James A. Elm's father allowed his two sons to use. He had divided the tract into two plantations; one for Eula's father, and the other for her uncle, also named John W. Elms. Even though in James A. Elm's will of May, 1862 he gave to his wife Malvina the part of the Clark tract on which he lived, he had not yet himself inherited it. His father obviously intended for James to inherit the plantation because he included the gift in his own will which he wrote in 1861, the year prior to the year in which James wrote his. But James's father outlived him. He was still alive when James died in 1862. James's father wrote a codicil to his 1861 will in Sept., 1867 - five years after James's death. The codicil stipulated that James's portion of the estate was to go to the sole benefit of James's heirs, "namely Ula and William Elms". It isn't clear what actually happened to the plantation after James's father died. No records have been found concerning James's son William after 1870. But, he was about 6 years of age when his grandfather died, so it is likely that James's home plantation went to William and his mother Malvina. Eula's father owned another plantation which was his outright. He willed it to Malvina for use in the education and maintenance of his two children, Eula and William. As with the first plantation, he stipulated that should Malvina's widowhood cease, the property was to go to his two children. This second plantation eventually became the sole property of Eula, supporting the theory that the other plantation probably went to her brother William and their mother Malvina. James left slaves, also, to provide for the maintenance and upkeep of the property. James had inherited 2 slaves from his own father, and one from an uncle, with provisos that they were to go to James's children should they outlive him.

The Wileys had lived in Rutherford, Cleveland, and Gaston Counties prior to moving to Mecklenberg County. They lived in Gaston County for a very short period before they purchased the John W. Elms place, next to Eula's family - which consisted of Eula, her mother, brother (if alive at that time), a farm hand, and domestic servants. Eula would have been 15 years old. B. F. Franklin's parents purchased their plantation from T. H. Gaither, who acquired it from Eula's uncle J. W. Elms. John W. Wiley's deed described

the property as part of the Burwell Clark tract, previously "conveyed to T. H. Gaither by mortgage by J. W. Elms, the land on which John W. Elms recently lived." The Elms family, obviously, was a large enclave situated in and near Pineville. They were patriotic, educated, respected, and financially well-situated.

John W. Wiley probably knew Eula's relatives from the time he lived in Rutherford County, NC (which later became Cleveland Co.). A "John Elms" died in Rutherford County in 1813, and had children, both "near grown" and "small" when he died.<sup>3</sup> He was married to Nancy \_\_\_\_\_. His legacy provided for the education of his children as well as maintenance of his wife. If this person is related to Eula's family, he would have been the father or brother of Charles Elms, Sr., Eula's great grandfather. Charles Elms, Sr. was born in 1756 in Virginia and died in Mecklenberg Co. (near Pineville) in 1835.<sup>4</sup>

#### **EULA'S FAMILY**

James A. Elms<sup>5</sup>, husband, b 1828 d 20 June 1862 m 18 Aug 1858  
Malvina E. Blankenship<sup>6</sup>, wife (maiden name Grier)<sup>7</sup>,  
b 1834, and had:  
Margaret E. Blankenship, stepdaughter, b 1854,  
Martha Eulelia (Eula) Elms, daughter, b 25 July 1859  
d 12 Feb 1887 m 3 Oct 1877 Benjamin Franklin Wiley  
William A. Elms, son, b 1861.

The names of niece "Malvina Elms" and nephew "W. L. Grier" were included in the will of Thomas P. Grier, their uncle. Other nieces and nephews included in the will were listed in the same sentence as the name of their mother, Mary Jane Ross, Thomas Grier's sister. Malvina's and W. L. Grier's names, however, are included in a separate sentence containing their two names alone. Eula named one of her sons "Ralph Grier Wiley", leading to the conclusion that Malvina's maiden name was "Grier", and her brother was W. L. Grier. Malvina had a daughter, Margaret E. Blankenship, from a previous marriage.

James A. Elms mentioned both Eula and her brother Willie<sup>8</sup> in his will. He wrote his will in May 1862 during the Civil War, upon joining the Confederate Army. He died at Camp Davis on 20 June 1862 leaving his home plantation to his wife Malvina E. It was situated next to his brother's plantation, the John W. Elms place which was sold to John W. Wiley in 1874<sup>9</sup>. Eula's father willed his other plantation of about 105 acres to Malvina to be used for the maintenance and education of his two children. This second plantation of about 105 acres eventually became the property of Eula, and was sold in Nov 1880 by her and B. F. Wiley to Andrew Bailes of York, SC. Andrew Bailes also purchased the "John W. Elms place" from J. W. Wiley at the same time.

#### **EULA'S GRANDFATHER'S FAMILY**

John W. Elms<sup>10</sup>, husband, b abt 1787  
Margaret Alexander<sup>11</sup>, wife; second wife Mrs. Malinda  
Withers Allen

Augustus A. Elms<sup>12</sup>, son, b abt 1822, m M. E. Kee 18 Oct 1854 (J. H. Elms bondsman).

Mary Elms, daughter, b abt 1824

Eliza Elms, daughter, b abt 1826, m \_\_\_\_\_ Younts, and had dau Margaret Younts<sup>5</sup>

James A. Elms, son, b 1828, m Malvina E. Blankenship, and had Martha Eula b 1859 and William A. b 1862.

John W. Elms<sup>13</sup>, son, b abt 1832, m Susan E. and had children Lucy S. b abt 1866, Minnie V. b abt 1868, and John W. b abt 1868 (twins).

William, son, b abt 1835

The John W. Elms will dated 1 Jan 1861 contained many provisions:

- to daughter M. A. Elms, the tract of land on which he, John Elms, lived, 2 slaves, all household and kitchen furniture, all stock, cattle and hogs, and wagons.
- to sons James A. and John W. Elms, the tract on which they jointly live, known as the Clark tract, dividing line to remain as previously agreed, commencing on Hugh Harris line at the mouth of branch running to Mrs. Jane Potter line.
- to son James A. Elms, 2 slaves; after James death to go to James's children.
- to son J. W. Elms, 2 slaves.
- to granddaughter M. E. Younts, 2 slaves, one bed and furniture
- to granddaughter E. A. Elms (should be E. S.), dau of A. A. Elms, \$200.00
- his two sons James A. and John W. Elms, one or both, to act as guardian of his two granddaughters and to manage effects willed to them.

Changes in circumstances since the writing of the original will caused John W. Elms to write a codicil, dated 19 Sept 1867:

- son John W. Elms directed to hold in trust the property devised to his deceased son James A. Elms to the sole benefit of the heirs of James A. Elms, "namely Ula and William Elms".
- to granddaughter Margaret E. Younts his tract of land on Little Sugar Creek known as the Alexander tract, 57 acres more-or-less.
- changed the amount willed to granddaughter E. A. Elms from \$200.00 to \$50.00; stating that the name should be "E. S. Elms".

#### **EULA'S GREAT GRANDFATHER'S FAMILY**

Charles Elms, Sr.<sup>14</sup>, husband, b 8 June 1756 in VA, m 1785, and d 6 Jan 1835 in Mecklenberg Co., NC, buried in Flint Hill Baptist Church graveyard, Flint Hill, SC near Pineville, NC, with his wife Rebecca.

Rebecca Withers, wife, b 1771 and d 1833.

John W. Elms, son, b 1787 (Eula's grandfather)

Nancy Elms, daughter, m Jack Moss and had son Austin Moss (also Moses).

Charles Elms, Jr. d by 1835 who m Sarah Barnett, b abt 1795 and had:

Charles H. Elms b abt 1825 who m Angelina Bryant in 1858, Ann R. Elms b abt 1830, James Hamilton Elms b abt 1834, and John P. Elms b abt

1835 who m Martha E. Spratt b abt 1837 and had Mary A. Elms b abt 1857 and Emma Spratt Elms b abt 1858.

Ezekiel Elms, son, b 17 Mar 1792 and d 8 Apr 1860, m 1833 Mary Dobbin Cowan b 31 May 1799 d 31 July 1866, and had:

Ezekiel Elms b abt 1834, Mary A. Elms b abt 1837, and Margaret Elms b 1 Apr 1839 and m 18 Jan 1861 J Evans Britton b 17 Dec 1840.<sup>15</sup>

Rebecca Elms daughter who m (1) John Spratt of TN (2) William Daniels of VA and (3) William Potts of NC, had children by William Daniels

Reuben Elms, son, who m and had children

William W. Elms, son, b abt 1811 who m Mary Davidson<sup>16</sup> and had:

Mary Elms dau b abt 1839, William Davidson Elms son b abt 1841, Rebecca Elms dau b abt 1843, John Irvin Elms son b abt 1844, and Lucinda Elms dau b abt 1850.

Lucinda Elms, daughter who m Wesley Phillips and had dau Lucinda and son James Elms.

James Elms, son, d 1844, probably never married; left substantial estate to nieces and nephews with proviso that parents of nieces and nephews were not to profit in any way.

Edmund Elms, son, married and had children.

Charles Elms, Sr. received land grants in Tennessee in recognition of his Revolutionary War service. He also acquired significant land holdings in Mecklenberg County where he and his descendants spent most of their lives. They were well known in the area, being strong supporters of education and the professions. The bulk of the land holdings was accumulated by Charles Elms, Sr., but his descendants significantly added to the community standing and accumulation of assets. The Elms families prospered as farmers with many slaves, landowners, and merchants.

### **MILITARY SERVICE**

Charles Elms, Sr. and his descendants bravely served their country in more than one war. Their Civil War and Revolutionary War records are significant and interesting.<sup>17</sup>

**JAMES A. ELMS** - Private, Co. H, 11th Regiment, NC Troops, enlisted in Mecklenberg County on 1 May, 1862. Was present and accounted for until he died at Camp Davis on 20 June 1862 of disease. Eula was about 3 years old.

**JOHN P. ELMS** - Enlisted Mecklenberg Co. age 23, 20 Apr 1861 for 6 months. Mustered in as First Sergeant Co. C, 1st NC Regiment and mustered out 12 Nov 1861. He then enlisted in Co. A, 11th Regiment, NC Troops on May 15, 1862 for the duration of the war. He was promoted to First Sergeant on 2 June 1862, and was present and accounted for until his promotion to 3rd Lieutenant on 16 July 1863 and transferred to Co. I, 37th Regiment where he served until he was killed at Gettysburg, PA on 3 July 1863.

**JAMES H. ELMS** - resided and enlisted in Mecklenberg Co. at age 29 on 5 May 1862 for the duration of the war. Mustered in as Private, Co. F, 49th Regiment NC Troops, and promoted to Corporal on 7 Oct 1862. Elected 2nd Lieutenant on 16 May 1864. Wounded in the arm at Bermuda Hundred, VA on 2 June 1864. Captured at Five Forks, VA 2 April 1865. Released from Johnson's Island, Ohio 19 June 1865 after taking Oath of Allegiance.

**WILLIAM DAVIDSON ELMS** - previously served as Corporal in Co. C, 1st Regiment (6months in 1861). Enlisted in Co. K, 45th Regiment 15 May 1862 for the duration of the war. Promoted and mustered in as Sergeant Major on 10 June 1862 and transferred to Field and Staff of 45th Regiment. Appointed 2nd Lieutenant 1 Aug 1862 and transferred to Co. I, 37th Regiment. Promoted to Captain 10 Mar 1864 and captured at Petersburg, VA on 2 April 1865. Released at Johnson's Island, Ohio on 18 June 1865 after taking Oath of Allegiance.

**JOHN IRVIN ELMS** - born in Mecklenberg Co., N. C. where he resided as a student prior to enlistment in Mecklenberg County at age 18 in Co. I, 37th Regiment on 22 Oct 1861. Mustered in as First Sergeant and was promoted to Sergeant Major on 3 Dec 1861 when he was transferred to Field and Staff of the 37th Regiment. Transferred back to Co. I, 37th Regiment upon promotion to Captain on 28 June 1862. Resigned on 18 Dec 1862 after he was criticized by his Colonel for being absent without leave during six battles. Resignation accepted on 8 Jan 1863. Re-enlisted as Private in Co. K, 56th Regiment at Topsoil Sound on 10 Mar 1863 for the duration of the war. Detailed as Ordnance Sergeant on 20 Sept 1864 with Co. A, 56th Regiment and transferred to temporary duty with Field and Staff of the 56th Regiment. Appointed Ordnance Sergeant 1 Jan 1865 and permanently assigned to Field and Staff. Captured at Saylor's Creek, VA 6 April 1865. Released at Newport News on 14 June 1865 after taking Oath of Allegiance.

**CHARLES P. ELMS** - born in Halifax Co. where he resided as a farmer prior to enlisting at "Petards" at age 34, 10 Feb 1862. Died at Raleigh 17 Apr 1862 of measles.

**CHARLES (X) ELMS, SR.** - was a private in the Revolutionary War. His place of residence during the Revolution was Sugar Creek, NC. His last will and testament has an abundance of patriotic expressions and testimonials for his compatriots, calling upon them to assure the fulfillment of his last will and testament. His granddaughter Margaret E. Briton of Charlotte many years ago verified the story of Charles Elm's capture by the English. "Charles Elms served under Gen. Green in the Battle of Eutaw, SC on 8 Sept 1781. Gen. Green's army was opposed by the army of Col. Stewart. In that battle, (Charles Elms) was shot in the eye and left for dead on the battlefield. While lying surrounded by dead and dying comrades, an English soldier gave him a shake, saying, "We got this one", but true to the bravery so characteristic of our Patriots of that distressing time, young Elms did not make of his personal misfortune, and to the Englishman said, "It's no great get." He was later taken off the battlefield and cared for as best as they



could in that time, and was blind in one eye the remainder of his life. The Company of which he was a member disbanded in Mecklenberg, NC.”<sup>18</sup>

## NOTES

1. R. M. Gaston may have lived in Pineville for a short period of time, but other records indicate that he and his wife, Mary Alice Wiley, lived essentially their entire married lives in Gaston County near the city of Belmont. In 1935, at the time of her death, Mary Alice Wiley's residence was 311 S. Central in Belmont. Nineteen years before Mary Alice Wiley's death, 311 S. Central was the address of Mary Alice's mother, Elizabeth Ray Washburn where she and her son, William Graham Wiley, had lived since moving from Mecklenberg County in the latter part of 1905. In Dec, 1948, thirteen years after Mary Alice's death, 311 S. Central also was listed on the death certificate as the "usual residence" of Sue Wiley Mitchell, Mary Alice's sister. Sue Wiley's death resulted from an accident occurring in a Nursing Home in Concord, NC where she suffered a fall and broke her hip, with complications arising from general debility and pneumonia.
2. Mecklenberg Co., Marriage Index, 1872-1888, pg. 230, B. F. Wiley and Ula (Eula) Elms.
3. Rutherford Co. Original Wills, 1784-1968, CR.086.801.9, NC State Archives, Raleigh.
4. NSDAR # 284579, Elizabeth Evans Hemphill, 14 Apr 1934.
5. Will Book K Pg. 8, Mecklenberg Co., NC James A. Elms
6. 1860 U. S. Census Mecklenberg Co., NC 14 Jan 1860 Eastern Div., Charlotte, M653 R906 pg. 81; lists wife and three children (incl. step dau).
7. Mecklenberg Co., NC Will Abstracts, Ferguson & Ferguson, Will Book J pg. 35 Thomas P. Grier, 18 May 1859
8. Mecklenberg County, NC Deed Book 25 pg. 103, 104; Benjamin F. Wiley and wife Eula Wiley to Andrew B. Bailes, conveys 105 acres of "land willed to Martha Eula Wiley and Willie Elms by their grandfather John W. Elms".
9. Mecklenberg Co., NC Deed Book 20 pg. 388, 7 Feb 1874, Rufus Barrigen and Thomas H. Gaither and Bettie Gaither to J. W. Wiley of Gaston County, NC. T. H. Gaither had purchased the "John W. Elms place" from J. W. Elms (son and executor of John W. Elms Sr.) and was described as the "place on which John W. Elms recently lived".
10. Will Book K pg. 8 Mecklenberg Co., NC, John Elms will and codicil dated 1 Jan 1861 and 19 Sept 1867 resp; also 1850 U. S. Census Mecklenberg Co., NC Sharon Dist, pg. 61, Sept 5, 1850 lists John Elms, widowed head of house, farmer, and names 6 children.
11. Will Book I pg. 983, Mecklenberg Co., NC Augustus Alexander, 10 June 1846. Wife was Sarah, daughter was Sarah Jane - mother of "Margaret Ellam, wife of John Ellam". Name was variously spelled Ellam, Ellem, Elem as well as the more common one of "Elms" which was used in most documents; also NSDAR #284579, Elizabeth Evans Hemphill, 14 Apr 1934.
12. Marriages of Mecklenberg County, NC, by Holcomb; A. A. Elms and M. E. Kee
13. 1880 U. S. Census, Mecklenberg Co., NC, ED 109 pg. 6b, fam 49, Charlotte, 2 Jan 1880, John W. Elms, widowed head of house, butcher, and 3 children, above.

14. NSDAR #284579, Elizabeth Evans Hemphill, 14 Apr 1934; Mecklenberg Co., NC Book G pg. 774, Charles (X) Elms, Sr., will dated 13 June 1835, containing names of wife and children.
15. 1850 U. S. Census, Mecklenberg Co., NC 6 July 1850, Steel Creek, pg. 3, fam 46 Ezekiel Elms and wife Mary, and 3 children; NSDAR # 284579 Elizabeth Evans Hemphill, 14 Apr, 1934.
16. Marriage Records of Mecklenberg Co., NC by Holcomb, (A. A. Elms, C. H. Elms, James A. Elms, and Wm. W. Elms marriage records).
17. North Carolina Troops 1861-1865, A Roster, by Movrin, vol V pgs. 12, 79, 80; vol IX pgs 470, 578, and 579. NSDAR #284579, Elizabeth Evans Hemphill, 1934.
18. NSDAR # 284579, Elizabeth Evans Hemphill, Apr. 14, 1934

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DR. H. R. WOODS DIED MONDAY

Chester lost one of her best and most highly respected citizens in the death of Dr. Harper Robert Woods, 71, who died at the Chester County Hospital Monday night at nine-thirty o'clock after a period of about two years declining health.

Dr. Woods was a native of the western section of Chester county having been born at the old Richard Woods home which over-looked Broad river at the old Woods Ferry site, the ferry being the connecting link between Chester and Union counties prior to the Civil War. He was a son of the late Thomas Matthews Woods and the late Alice Hawthorne Woods. His great-grandparents, Matthew and Margaret Woods came to Chester County shortly after their marriage, from Orange County, North Carolina. The former died in 1826 and the latter in 1856 and were buried in the Woods cemetery near the old Woods home. His grandfather, Richard Woods, was one of the signers of the Ordinance of Secession and was one of the county's outstanding citizens.

Dr. Woods, as a young man, went to Fort Mill where he clerked in the Meacham Drug Store and studied pharmacy under the late Dr. Thomas B. Meacham, who operated the drug store and who was a practicing physician. Following this he returned to Chester and entered the drug business having been in that business continually since, a period of fifty years. He was one of the organizers of The Chester Drug Company in 1901, later becoming owner of the business which store is recognized as one of the state's leading drug stores.

He was a Ruling Elder in Purity Presbyterian Church for a number of years and was one of its most regular attendants. He was a member of the Chester Rotary Club, a Mason, was elected a life member of the SC Pharmaceutical Association, was a past president of the Chester Chamber of Commerce. He was a pleasant person and his friends were many. Only those intimately acquainted with him know of the hundreds of sick people he has furnished medicine with no idea of receiving remuneration. He was a charitable man but not one to mention his acts of kindness. He will be greatly missed by hundreds throughout the county.

Dr. Woods married Miss Clara Sledge in 1903, by whom he is survived, also three sons, Richard H. Woods and Harper Robert Woods, Jr., both of Chester, and Dr. William Sledge Woods of the University of South Carolina. A daughter, Martha Woods, died several years ago when quite young. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Norwood Graham of Cokesbury; a half-sister, Mrs. T. H. Best of Hartsville; two grandchildren, Kathryn Hutchins Woods and Martha Woods, also several nieces and nephews.

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QUERIES FOR THE SEPTEMBER, 1998 BULLETIN  
(QUERIES NOT INDEXED)

98-86: TAYLOR-MARTIN-WILKIE: Shirley Jump, Route 3, Box 100, Corbin, KY. 40701: Would like to share info about the Taylor family who lived in York District SC from around 1800 to 1840. George Taylor b ca 1760 had a son James b ca 1784 and married Elizabeth Martin, dau of Thomas Martin and Sabra Wilkie. Sabra was the dau of William Wilkie. Did some of the Wilkie family marry into the Dillingham family? Who were the other children of George Taylor?

98-87: McDANIEL-STILLWELL: Shirley Jump, Route 3, Box 100, Corbin, KY. 40701: Looking for info about Daniel McDaniel listed on the 1830 York Co SC census. Where is he in 1840? I believe he had a son James who married Nancy? Stillwell, the dau of Jacob Stillwell. Any McDaniel info would be welcome.

98-88: FOX-MOORE: Shirley Jump, Route 3, Box 100, Corbin, KY 40701 need info about Benjamin Fox born ca 1770 in SC. Believed to have had a son Nicholis Fox. They came to Knox Co. KY in early 1800's. Sarah Fox married Ephraim Moore in 1798 Laurens Co SC. Ephraim was the son of Thomas Moore born 1739; married Rosannah Fowler in 1765 SC. I have lots of Moore history to share.

98-89: JOHN BECK MOORE: George H. Moore, POB 1076, Chester, SC 29706 need info on parents of JOHN BECK MOORE, b ca 1811, d 3Jul 1864, Chester Cty, SC. Married Mary Harrison b 12 Mar 1807, d 14 Oct 1862 Chester Cty, SC. Mary's father was John Harrison, b ca 1770, d ca 1848 Chester Cty. Mother unknown. John and Mary children: James b 1832; Hannah b 1837; John H. b 1840; Mary b 1841; Benjamin J. b 1842; William b 1844; Elizabeth b 1845; George Warren b 1848; Chevious Johnson, b ca 1849. Also info on Harrison.

98-90: BEASLEY-PICKENS: Glenna B. Kinard, 3540 Gleneagles Court, Lithonia, GA 30058-7290, e-mail: gkinard@aol.com seeking info on the families of JACOB BEASLEY (c. 1728-1773) m MARGARET PICKENS (c. 1728-1796); both of Fairfield County. Their children were: Peter, Sarah Catherine (m. Benjamin Higgins), Mary, McDelenah, Elizabeth, Adam, Jacob and George (m. Mary Elizabeth Culp).

98-91: PORTER-McCANTS: Glenna B. Kinard, 3540 Gleneagles Court, Lithonia, GA 30058-7290, e-mail: gkinard@aol.com seeking info on the families of JOHN McCANTS (1750- c. 1813) m. SARAH BLACK of Fairfield County. Their son, SAMUEL McCANTS (1779-1848) married Elizabeth (Unk). Samuel's daughter Emily McCants (1821-1851) m. Rev. CHARLES M. PORTER (1807-1882) of Fairfield County (his third wife was Elizabeth Cason, also of Fairfield).

98-92: SIMPSON-HOLCOMB-BRUCE-JEWELL-BEATTY-SHERRON-HOWELL-WOOTEN-SEAY: Merle Miller, 5701 SCR 1285, Midland, TX 79706 need info on parents, siblings of John (S?) Simpson, b 1810-12 in Anderson Co? SC. He married ?? Holcomb. They had 3 sons, Wm., Peter, John (W?), born in Laurens (?) SC between 1829-32. What became of Wm. & Peter? When did they arrive in AL? John (W?) Simpson my ggrandfather married Pyrene Holcomb b. Laurens Co., SC 11 Nov 1834. Her parents were John and Frances Bruce Holcomb. They had the following children: Emma Dora Frances A. 1856 SC-1921 AL m. George Jewell; Ella Anna F. 1859 SC - 1937 AL m. Wm. J. Beatty, Jr.; Duffie Greta b. 1861 m. John Sherron; John Wm. Peter (my grandfather) b. 1867 AL (possibly Pickens Co) m. Willie Ann Virginia Howell abt 1893, second marriage to Sarah Elizabeth Wooten 1904 AL; Mamie 1868 AL m. Elbert B. Jewell; Mary (young child); Leevy Turpin b. 1873 AL (young child); Kittie b. 1878 AL d. 1950 AL m. Marvin Seay. All replies acknowledged. I will exchange info and repay copying cost.

98-93: CAIN-WILLIAMS-WALDEN-THURLKILL-HARTLEY-BRADFIELD-WATKINS: Merle Miller, 5701 SCR 1285, Midland, TX 79706 need parents, siblings, etc. on Hiram Cain b. 1825-27 in Upson Co., GA, m. Nancy A. Williams 18 Feb. 1844 in Upson Co. He and son John F. employed Atlanta-West Point Railroad. Nancy buried Chestnut Grove Cemetery, Decatur, AL. His parents came to U.S. early 1800's landing New York. Hiram youngest of 11 sons (?). Went to GA. Hiram and Nancy's children are: Elizabeth Malinda, b GA in 1845, m. Richard Thurlkill in 1858. John Franklin b 1847 Clayton, GA m. Nancy Jane Walden 1867, John F., both buried at Chestnut Grove Cemetery, Decatur, AL and served in Civil War. Ceaborn Jackson b 1849 Macon, GA m. Belinda Hartley 1866, came to Lamar Co. TX (When?), buried outside Paris, TX. Mary F. b 1851 and m R.C. Bradfield 1872, d 1888. Where? Martha 1853 Where? m Sam Watkins 1882, d 1890 Where?

98-94: BENJAMIN BROWN: Joseph E. Brown, 1228 Dyess Bridge Road, Waynesboro, AL 39367-9605, e-mail: jbrown@netpathway.com need info on Benjamin Brown. His son, Hiram, born SC ca 1813. Benjamin's brother joined army June 15, 1813. Benjamin was in AL prior to statehood in 1819. Benjamin's brother was James Brown. James was deceased prior to 1818 or 1819.

98-95: McCULLY-NESBIT-HOWARD-GILLIAM-BROWN-WYLIE: Mary Wylie C. Cely, 5140 Furman Ave., Columbia, SC 29206: Thomas McCully 1760-1837 m. Agnes (Nancy) Nesbit 1771-1821 want info on her father, Samuel Nesbit. Need info on parents of Elizabeth "Betsey" Howard who married William Gilliam 1747-1804. Need info on parents of Margaret Brown 1781-1863 who married Joseph Wylie 1770-1844.

98-96: GAMBLE: Leon W. Gamble, 519 Bayview Drive, Holmes Beach, FL 34217, e-mail: leonwgamble@juno.com: SAMUEL GAMBLE arrived in Charleston, SC De. 19, 1772 granted 300 acres of land later sold out and went to Fairfield Co. and did there. Need location of family cemetery. My grandfather was John Wiley McClure was in Holly Springs, Miss in 1870 census. Believe his ancestors came from SC to Tenn then Miss, cannot prove it.

98-97: HANCOCK-SCAIFE: Blanche Hancock Turlington, 1155 Hancock Road, Crossett, AR 71635: James Hancock, b 1789, SC purchased land in Chester District, SC on Wilson's Creek waters of Broad River in August 1808. The deed stated that he was "late of Fairfield." He married Sarah Scaife, dau of William Scaife and wife, Margaret Terry Scaife, of Chester District. Their children known to be born in SC are: Margaret T. Hancock, born 1814, William S. Hancock, born 1816, and Albert Garrison Hancock, born 1816(?). Need to know birthplace of James Hancock, his parents and siblings; date of marriage to Sarah Scaife; and identity of other children born in SC, if any. Also, John Hancock purchased land in same area of Chester District in 1810. What was his relationship to James Hancock? Would appreciate hearing from someone familiar with these families and will be happy to exchange info, pay copy costs and postage.

98-98: JESSE (J.J.) WHITE: Virgil H. White, 10512 Kilmory Terrace, Charlotte, NC 28210: My great-great grandfather was JESSE (J.J.) WHITE born August 14, 1846 and died June 8, 1919. From census records, he lived and worked at Canestee Mill located on the Reedy River in Greenville County from at least 1880 until his death. He was married to Jennie Davis. He was a private in the Sixteenth SC Regiment from Greenville County and was wounded at Atlanta during the Civil War. Is my great-great grandfather the same Jesse White born in 1846 whose father was Thomas White and whose mother was Elizabeth Culp? See "Captain Bill Book Three" by Robert J. Stevens p. 76 CA538 Jesse White. I would appreciate any help you can provide.

98-99: BOGAN: F. X. Mayer, 5277 Whitehaven, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 doing research on my wife's family tree. Of particular interest is info on WILLIAM BOGAN who m. a Jane McJunkin. The marriage presumably took place in Union, SC about 1789 or 1799. They had sons John and Joseph and a daughter Jane. John birth date is May 13, 1790 in Union, SC. The family moved to Nashville, Tenn and lived there until John was 19 years old. The family then moved to East Baton Rouge Parish, LA. John is the GGGrandfather of my wife Katherine Williamson. Of particular interest is the relationship of William mentioned above to the early SC Bogans. Specifically the following Bogans: 1. William Bogan died 1762; 2. John Bogan 1720-1803; 3. Samuel Bogan; 4. James Bogan.

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